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Panathinaikos stars for Canterbury



Costa Theodoropoulos (centre) of Melbourne-Hungaria, flanked by Spiros Livathinos (right) and another Panathinaikos star, Saravakos.

Canterbury will be one of the best supported clubs in the National League. That's certain after it announced this week that it would import Spiros Livathinos and Yiannis Dondas of Panathinaikos and George Christofis of OFI.

The players have agreed terms with Canterbury and as soon as they are granted visas they'll be on the first flight to Australia.

All three will be on loan to Canterbury with Livathinos and Dondas wearing Canterbury's colors at least until the end of June. If Panathinaikos doesn't recall them for pre-season training, they'll play with Canterbury throughout 1986. Christofis has agreed to spend the whole season here.

The presence of such gifted and well-respected players from Greece will add glamor to the National League and money to the Canterbury coffers.

Livathinos, 30, is a midfielder; Dondas, 24, a central defender while Christofis, 28, is a striker.

— ALEX VESIC.



Alan Davidson, in action for Nottingham Forest, shields the ball from Manchester United and Ireland striker Frank Stapleton.

Davo's back

Victor banks on a bad foot!

Victor Cristaldo of Melbourne Croatia is relying on a foot injury to avoid national service with the Argentine Air Force.

"I've got a problem with the bone in one of the ankles. It will require an operation eventually," he said on his departure for Buenos Aires last Saturday.

Cristaldo, who has been in Melbourne since he was seven, was drafted by his home country two weeks ago, after having turned 18.

He said that if he did not heed the call-up notice, Argentinian law would prevent him from visiting Argentina for the next 45 years!

"I have aunts, uncles and grandparents there, and I want to see them again one day," he said.



Victor Cristaldo

If he is passed fit for military service, Cristaldo probably will seek a deferment so that he can do a college course in physical education in Melbourne.

Alan Davidson will be part of an intricately woven pattern of loyalty, animosity and fierce rivalry when South Melbourne Hellas and Brunswick Juventus kick off the NSL season on March 16.

Davidson, fully recovered from the back injury that bouned him from February of last year, transferred from Nottingham Forest at the weekend.

He signed a four-year contract with Hellas and his transfer fee was a mere \$12,000, although Forest had bought him from Hellas for \$30,000 in late 1984.

Davidson fell out of favor with Forest coach Brian Clough because he left England late last year against Clough's wishes, to play in the Soccerex 'World Cup' campaign.

He talks about his clashes with Clough, his changing attitudes, his life in England and the games against Scotland in a special Hellas feature on pages eight and nine.

Davidson, 25, says his back problem plagued him for so long because, having fractured a vertebrae in England, he resumed playing before it had healed properly.

"It went on me again in the first week of training after arriving in Sydney," he said.

"I played despite the problem," Davidson said. "I don't know if it was right or wrong, but playing in THE World Cup meant more to me than anything."

Asked to pinpoint the highlight of his stay in England, he said: "Coming home."

Davidson is one of three Hellas recruits.

Arthur Xanthopoulos, a former Hellas captain and Victorian State representative is back after a two-year absence due to injury.

The other recruit is Frank McGreillis, South Africa's reigning top scorer. He was a reserve player at Coventry City in England, played on loan to Huddersfield, and was top scorer one season for Hereford.

Davidson, meanwhile, is determined to lead Hellas to victory against his former coach Len McKendry, on March 16. Davidson has not forgotten that, when he left for trails with Bayern Munich and Arsenal in late 1983, McKendry announced to the Press that as long as he was the coach, Davidson would never play for Hellas again.

Opposing coaches Len McKendry and John Margaritis, who "swapped" clubs during the off-season are rivals of the fiercest possible kind.

And to add further spice to the season-opener, John Yzendoorn may line up for Juventus against Hellas.

His appeal against the \$15,000 transfer fee Hellas wants for him, is to be heard today (Wednesday).



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O'Connor tries to stop Falcons' fall

Ever since Dave O'Connor accepted the job as coach of Victorian State League club Morwell Falcons people have been coming up to him and asking him why.

O'Connor has coached Falcons before. He led the side into the State League top four in 1982 and the final of the State League Cup. Not long after those achievements he read in the papers that he had been sacked.

O'Connor was overseas when Falcons contacted him and offered the post vacated by Jimmy Dunne late last year. O'Connor returned two weeks ago and at a meeting at the Old Melbourne Motor Inn agreed terms with the Falcons committee.

The question remains. Why did he go back to the club that slapped him in the face a few years ago?

"I missed not being involved in the game and because of my late return to Australia my chances of getting a job were pretty slim," said O'Connor.

"And there's a challenge at Falcons to rebuild the side."

Falcons have lost Peter Blasby, Jim MacLean (both to Crodon), Steve Moore (out for the season as the result of a bad car crash in December), Russell Atherton (to Springvale), Mick McGorian (back to George Cross but talking terms with Frankston Pines), Ian Stilton and Harry Bingham (both overseas), from the side which finished runner-up in the League and State League Cup last year.

Stilton may not return, Falcons are having problems getting Bingham's visa renewed, while Jim Train, Emil Bruns and Effie Cassar hadn't agreed terms with Falcons as we went to press, rounding off one of the grimmest pictures presented by any State League club so far this season.

"There's no way that the current team resembles the sides which won the championship in 1984 and finished second last year. I think that the club realises that it has to sign at least a couple of players. Sure, you can persevere with youth but you can't play six or seven kids every week and expect to be even moderately successful," said O'Connor.

However, O'Connor has been impressed with a few of Falcons youngsters, among them Anthony Cassar, described by O'Connor as "a kid with some great touches who has impressed me at training," and Domenic Palermo, a "very promising defender."

O'Connor is trying to sign Richard Bassey, a 26 year old attacking midfielder from Trarane Rovers in England and is having a close look at Moreland's Gerry Maxwell, a winger or midfielder previously with Green Gully.



LES MURRAY

Trans-Tasman rivalry must be exploited

Ferenc Puskas, who will be in Australia again next month, was asked whether that historic game Hungary won against England at Wembley in 1953 had been a hard one.

"Nothing special," he said. "The annual games against the old enemy Austria were the real toughies."

Austria was the old enemy because Hungary and Austria, as neighbors are traditional, almost inherent, rivals.

In Hungarian or Austrian soccer nothing makes better "copy" than a match between the two. Whatever the previous results, whatever the current state of the game in either country, they have always brought near-packed houses and nearly always tight results.

That is why, in this part of the world, annual meetings currently being mooted between Australia and New Zealand are such a jolly idea.

Of course, we in Australia often come up with jolly ideas but before we get to see whether they were jolly or not, abandon them.

See: the idea to hold the NSL "Grand Final" at neutral, permanent Bruce Stadium (which lasted one occasion) or the excellent, original NSL Cup plan which made the tournament open to almost all comers.

The less than friendly rivalry — some would call it hatred — which built up between Australia and New Zealand — and their respective fans — during the '85 Cup campaign is a chance not to be missed, a resource not to be squandered.

At least one annual meeting, with alternating venues, or perhaps even a two-way home and away series annually does tickle one's soccer fancy.

The annual Ampol Cup matches between Australia and China will, in time I am sure, build into some sort of tradition, provided the results are tight and one country is not seen to be continually dominating the other.

But the rivalry between Australia and New Zealand is ready-made.

The ASE, bless its hearts, should be commended for even suggesting such games.

But it will all come to nothing without perseverance.

Flamengo

An interesting result you may have spotted the other day: Iraq O Flamengo 3.

Now what was Flamengo, Brazil's most famous and glamorous club, doing in Iraq?

Touring, that's what, away from home, going anywhere for the right price as Brazilian teams tend to do at this time of year to recoup some much-needed cash.

In February, about the same time the so-called Soviet national team was masquerading in the Antipodes, almost hoodwinking the NSW Federation into staging a game against them.

The Federation did well to

pull out of the game, heading off what surely would have been another embarrassing episode in our administrative history.

But it was a case of better late than never, I'm afraid, and certainly not foresight.

With foresight the NSW Federation would have known that the USSR, the real USSR, was touring Mexico at the same time it was supposed to be touring here.

And it would probably also have known that Flamengo was out of Brazil, touring and ready to add games to its jaunt for the right cash.

But they didn't do they? Alright, Zico is still laid out after an operation. But Flamengo also has Socrates, and Bebeto, the newest young sensation in Brazilian football.

But never mind. What with these two playing, on a pleasant February evening, under lights at Olympic Park or the SCG — the promoters only did themselves out of a couple of hundred grand.

Burin back

Frank Burin and Melbourne Croatia are happy bedfellows once more.

Burin quit two weeks ago as club manager but resolved his differences with the club at a meeting at Olympic Park last week.

Croatia issued the following statement:

Croatia is pleased to announce that any differences between president Joe Sigur, coach Miron Bleiberg and manager Frank Burin have been resolved.

Sigur and Bleiberg have apologised for any misunderstanding, personal harm or damage caused to Burin in his duty as manager following a regrettable incident before the Croatia v Juventus match on February 8 which resulted in Burin's resignation.

"All parties now look forward to a happy association."

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● Robert Krajacic



● Mark Wilson

Krajacic and Wilson join

Mark Wilson, Robert Krajacic, Danny Dezic — that's the new midfield combination expected to power St. Albans Dinamo into the Victorian State League top four.

Krajacic was signed last week from Green Gully for \$2000. Wilson crossed over from Northcote City for only \$500 — a remarkably low price for the former Northern Irish under 21 international who is among the best midfielders in Victoria.

Krajacic played in the Heidelberg-Alexander youth team and was brought to Green Gully by the then coach, Jimmy Rooney. Krajacic's senior games have been mostly as sweeper.

St. Albans also wanted Kevin Lloyd from Green Gully, as we went to press, but Falkner was bidding for him as well.

Tony Vrzina, one of the shrewdest team-builders in the business, also wants to sign a goalkeeper.

Zdenko Brkljacic, the Dinamo captain, announced his retirement recently, but Vrzina hopes to change his mind. If he agrees to play on, Brkljacic will play as stopper.

And Dinamo also hopes to import at least one player from Croatia.

Seven players have been transferred listed: goalkeeper Milo Debeljuh and Mate Boric who both live at Clayton and want to play closer to home; John Bruno, Darko Kuna, Vinko Pavlovic, Gedoko Radman and goalkeeper Darko Pokas who has returned to Canberra.

At the moment, the best eleven would be: Mate Grlic — Ante Kustura, Steve Grlic, Danny Ramljak, Eddie Kuzman, Mark Wilson, Robert Krajacic, Danny Dezic — Branko Culina, Dennis Morovic, Ned Ratilovic.

Brisbane City at rock bottom!

Brisbane City's first month of preparations for this year's crucial National League are all but down the drain.

And coach Jim Hermiston has pointed the finger at his squad in declaring "There are two or three who I don't know if their hearts are in it. Do they want to play with us or not? Are they hungry or don't they care?"

The soul-searching came after city crashed out of the Silver Boot pre-season tournament at Richlands, losing 2-4 on penalties after a 1-1 scoreline against Premier League side Olympic United, which missed relegation last year by just a point.

It was a woeful, disinterested performance from the NSL side and so Hermiston ordered his side "back to the basics".

"We have to start from the beginning again, but this time I have to keep on top of them," an extremely disappointed Hermiston said after the game.

"It was not that we were beaten, but the way that we were beaten. That's why the result worries me, despite it being just a pre-season game."

After making his final comeback last year, and declaring afterwards that he had definitely hung up his boots for good, Hermiston's frustration with his side showed when he said: "I could have put my boots on and done a better job in the second half than some of them out there."

Hermiston is 39. Most of the City squad are 15 years younger, but their lethargy on the field suggests otherwise.

By RICKY ROSSO

There were enough players in the side with NSL experience — Mike Milovanovic, Dean Milosevic, Steve Hogg, Luciano Fabrizio, Roberto Lettieri to name a few, who should have ensured a City win.

But the NSL team even had to rely on Olympic to score their goal.

Olympic went into the lead when Stephen Glockner, the former City player now trialling with the Premier Leaguers, headed in after 16 minutes. The ball should never have got that far but the City defenders just watched as Olympic striker Chris Fegan regained the ball after an earlier shot had been blocked, and casually crossed to the unmarked Glockner.

Garry Bromfield then missed a 34th minute penalty, hitting it straight at Olympic keeper Mike Calogtrakis. It took City until the 63rd minute to draw level, and then it was only the enthusiasm of Glockner, helping out at the back, that saw him steer the ball into his own goal.

City then bombed the resulting penalty shootout at the end of the 1985 import who was to have typical South American flair and skill, put his shot high over the bar.

The Premier Leaguers put their first four attempts in the back of the net to seal the result.

City has a chance to redeem itself in the Queensland Soccer Federation's XXXX pre-season tournament, which started last week. The NSL team is grouped with Premier League sides North Star, Taringa and Wynnum.

City should at least get through to the semi-finals, and should meet Lions in the final.

Euro groups

Qualifying groups for the 1988 European championship finals in West Germany:

Group 1: Spain, Romania, Austria, Albania.

Group 2: Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland, Italy, Malta.

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Watson: Roos want better deal

Joe Watson of Sydney Harbour caused discomfort at ASF headquarters by writing in the "Sydney Morning Herald" last week that some Socceroos considered boycotting the World Cup games against Scotland because of dissatisfaction over pay.

He wrote, in part: "... you don't expect to be out of pocket. You don't expect to be led up the garden path. You don't expect to have to fight tooth and nail for every little condition. You don't want to worry about all that ..."

"... It seems the Australian Soccer Federation couldn't care less about the players. They keep demanding more and more commitment yet give you less and

less in return. As a result, players are always getting caught up in problems they shouldn't have to worry about and eventually it affects your game ..."

The biggest problem seems to be that there is really only one man, the ASF President, who can make decisions. And that means players are always waiting five or six weeks for an answer ...

About the matches against Scotland, Watson wrote:

"... (they) were the most important Australia had played. Interest was at an all-time high, the ASF had landed a sponsor and both grounds were full. The players aren't greedy. They don't expect the world. But it seems they are the ones making all the sacrifices — putting strain on their families and on their jobs — and getting nothing in return. We spent all that time with the World Cup squad and most of the blokes ended out of pocket."

"I think that what you'll see when the

Socceroos get together next time is a lot of players wanting everything down in writing. We knew our mistake last time was not getting contracts, and I think that has to happen ..."

Watson acknowledged that the players received the money they had been promised for winning the Oceania group, but that no bonuses were paid for the matches against Scotland.

Socceroo coach Frank Arok said he tried as hard as he could to get the players bonuses for the Scotland matches.

"... I don't want to be rude to Joe but it is better that we are not seen to be whinging, that we don't destroy what we have worked so hard to achieve."

ASF president Sir Arthur George said: "Let's just say that in all my years in soccer no player has actually come up to me and thanked me. You get used to these sort of gripes."

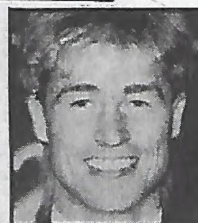


Joe Watson

Campbell beat the Socceroos

By LAURIE SCHWAB

The Socceroos lost 1-2 to Western Australia in Perth on their way to the 1983 Merlion Cup in Singapore. Ron Campbell, who scored Western Australia's winning goal in that match, arrived in Melbourne last week to join Preston-Makedonia.



Ron Campbell

Steve McCaffrey scored the other goal for Western Australia, while John Kosmina netted for Australia. It was a temporary setback for the Socceroos, as they went on to win the Merlion Cup, beating Singapore 4-2 in the final.

But it was one of Ron Campbell's many triumphs in six seasons in Perth.

If there's one thing he's not used to, it's failure. In his only senior season back home in Scotland, he helped Bonnyrigg Rose win the 1979 Scottish Junior Cup.

With Azurri in Perth, he savored the glory of going through the 1981 season undefeated, winning not only the league but also the top four series and the D'Orsogna Cup. What's more, he was voted the club's best and fairest player.

Campbell, 26, along with brothers Paul and Steve Tomblides, moved from Azurri to West Perth Macedonia for the 1983 season. Macedonia promptly won three championships in a row, with Paul Tomblides top-scoring for the club each year. In two of the three seasons, he also was top scorer in the league.

Campbell's career hit a high point last season, when he won the Western Australian Rothmans Medal. He intends to maintain the momentum at Preston-Makedonia.

"My aim is to get into the Socceroo squad, but first we'll win the NSL championship. Bill Murray, our coach, has convinced me we've got the players to do it. I'm not in this game for the love of playing, or for the money. To me, winning is everything."

He scored 10 goals from

midfield last season. That's about his average. He's used to taking his team's penalties as well, but there weren't any penalties among his 1985 goals.

Asked to describe his style, Campbell says:

"I'm not a hard man. I'm skilful and creative, and I like to put my foot on the ball and dictate play. I prefer to be in the centre, although at West Perth Macedonia I was on the right in a three-man midfield. Preston-Makedonia plays 4-2-2 and Bill Murray says he'll be using me as one of the two central midfielders."

West Adelaide Hellas also was interested in signing Campbell but he decided on Macedonia because he believes Melbourne offers soccer players more opportunities than Adelaide.

Makedonia official John Branov was in Perth in December to discuss terms with Campbell but he didn't agree to sign until two weeks ago. His transfer fee was \$4000 — the maximum stipulated in his contract.

It could prove to be the bargain buy of the year.

Apart from all his other accomplishments, Campbell also represented Western Australia in the 1984 King's Cup tournament in Bangkok. He scored in a 2-1 victory over China, and played against Malaysia (1-0), and Indonesia (1-2) in a semi-final. Other representative games were against Queen's Park Rangers (1-6) and Nottingham Forest (1-14).



Andrew Dettre

Excerpts from the memoirs of a former soccer executive member, published in 1996.

I know it's hard to believe it now but soccer in the 1980s wasn't all one happy family. They, too, had their differences even if they did experience a boom, with some matches drawing up to 400 actual paying spectators, not like today.

But that's not what I want to talk about: it's the fuss about the Socceroos that surrounded us after our failure to qualify, once again, for the World Cup, in 1985.

At once, we were attacked by sections of the press — me especially — for not saving Australia's bacon at FIFA, for agreeing to play Scotland (or was it Ireland?) in a play-off.

What could we do? What the soccer public didn't know — and still doesn't — was that we didn't count with FIFA. Sure, we were allowed to attend their meetings, sit somewhere at the back, empty the ashtrays and vote whether the windows should be shut or open — but that was it on other issues we weren't even asked.

And perhaps just as well everything was so terribly confusing that we wouldn't have known what to say. They were talking about World Cup seedings and past achievements and things like that, in some sort of a code which we couldn't break.

One afternoon, as I sat dozing in my chair, Joan suddenly shook my arm and said to me, "listen, would you play Scotland?"

I was a bit surprised because I had played the equity market and the stock market and the

It's 1996 and they're plotting in wheelchairs

option market but never played Scotland before, so I said sure, why not, at what do we play them? Joan flashed his dentures which went for a smile and yelled towards someone, "Sepp, el ti will take the Scots. Put him down for two."

And so it happened that later we did play the Scots (or Irish?) twice and, naturally, we lost. When you play the market you can win or you can lose. You, I mean. Not me, of course. So what was all the fuss about? For months some of our more negative reporters and players kept moaning about this and that, about the need to play the Scots and all that.

Why didn't they mean about that two years earlier when the draw was made? Why does everybody in Australian soccer always wake up AFTER the event? Nobody had said a word to me then — only once we had lost. Should I have lodged a protest with FIFA retrospectively?

We, my colleagues and I, then entrusted by providence and divine power to administer this game of ... eh, ... soccer ... believed in the old Roman adage of "panem et circenses". Give the mob some bread and circus and they will shut up (mainly because with bread in the mouth you cannot shout anyway).

So we decided to stage big, elaborate, mock campaigns for the World Cup. We got a sponsor, the best coach, the best doctor, the best players, the best everything and spent lavishly on preparations. True, we found later that we were some half a million bucks short but I immediately lent them \$20 and for the rest we took on overdrafts.

The big advantage of the World Cup campaigns was that we managed to create enough noise to divert attention from other, domestic problems. Hardly anybody noticed or cared, for instance, that the NSL was struggling from bad to worse, that clubs were going broke, that crowds vanished from the terraces.

The Socceroo news stories saved the day: the

heroic deeds in Auckland and Tel Aviv, the comings and goings of Soper and finally the global brouhaha about mad dogs and Englishmen and what not.

The World Cup was the best camouflage operation we ever performed. And not just once but several times. Once, in 1974, we even reached the finals and yet our domestic game kept sinking further. That took some explaining away. Thank God nobody asked us in 1985 what great uplift I expected on the home front if we did qualify for the World Cup finals.

Anyway, back to 1985 and all that, before my memory of those years fades.

What happened after that, you want to know? Not much, really. As usual. Because of lack of funds, enthusiasm and even interest, the national team was returned to its mothballs. Around 1988 we started to make fresh noises about the next campaign, hinting to the public that this time we will avoid the pitfalls and errors of the past, etcetera, etcetera.

However, there was a minor hitch: by that time the national competition was disbanded, having died of atrophy. The World Cup campaign had to be mounted on the few surviving district and junior teams. We petitioned FIFA that they should change the rules to allow only players under 14 but this motion was narrowly defeated, 167 to 1.

Now, I hear, some migrants are holding clandestine meetings in Rushcutters Bay Park, plotting to form a new association. Some of them even recognise when they stand up from their wheelchairs: they were there in the 1950s, a bit younger and less senile.

At their last gathering, I hear, they resolved to make soccer Australia's major winter sport, to arrange for the building of modern stadia, to secure a farsighted, fair and well informed administration.

After the meeting kindly male nurses took them back to their padded cells.

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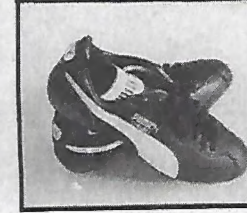
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BLASTS FROM THE PAST



● **LAIID-BACK HERO**, Tommy McColl, signs autographs on the Socceros' return from their unbeaten 1967 tour of Asia, during which they won a major tournament in Vietnam. McColl played for Juventus (Vic) and represented Australia 20 times.



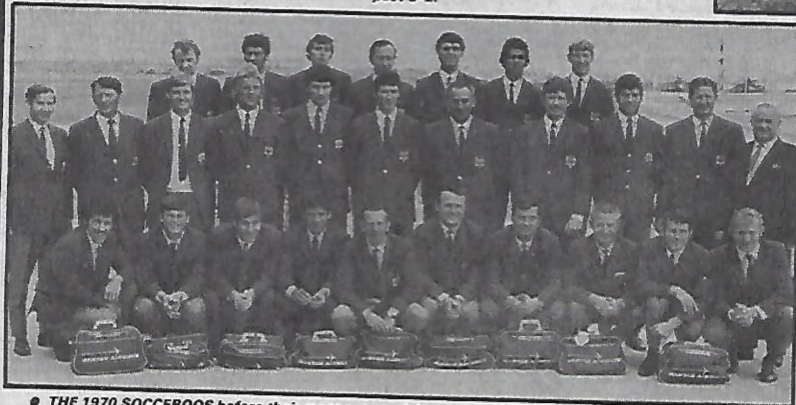
● **BRISBANE CITY** celebrates winning the 1978 National Cup, which is held aloft by former Socceros Steve Perry, the man who marked Franz Beckenbauer in a game against the Cosmos in 1979. City, which also had won the Cup in 1977, beat Adelaide Juventus 2-1 in the 1978 final. Juventus won the Cup the following year, beating St George Budapest 3-2.



● **HAMBURG, June 17, 1974:** In front of a crowd of 55,000, Australia's Adrian Alston (right) shoots for goal against West Germany in the World Cup finals, after having eluded Georg Schwarzenbeck (second from left) and Franz Beckenbauer (centre). Goalkeeper Sepp Maier, however, blocks the shot albeit with great difficulty. West Germany won 3-0. Others, pictured from left, are: Ernie Campbell (background), Wolfgang Overath, Ray Richards and Doug Utjesenovic.



● **ST ALBANS OLYMPIA**, champion of the Victorian Second Division in 1965. Missed out narrowly on promotion to the State League at the end of 1966 and 1967. From left, standing: Erik Bartkowiak, Peter Ernstrang (president), Matze Landheer, Guenter Gerick, Spiro Fragopoulos, Sissy Nowak, Paddy Sloan (coach), Bogdan Kupisz. Front: Vic Winkler, Eddie Kupisz, Werner Klein, Rolf Beinroth, Marian Trskoma.



● **THE 1970 SOCCEROOS** before their most successful overseas tour, from left, standing: back row: Mike Denton, John Parin, Billy Vojtek, George Blues, Dave Keddie, Harry Williams, Jimmy Mackay. Middle row: Brian le Fevre (ASF secretary), Dr. Brian Corrigan (team physician), Sandy Irvine, Peter Wilson, Jack Reilly, Arthur George (ASF president). Front row: Ray Richards, John Roche, Dennis Yaeger, Johnny Warren, Peter van Rijn (masseur), Les Scheinflug (assistant coach), Rale Rasic (coach), Tom Patrick (official), Col Curran, Manfred Schaefer. It was from this tour that the 1973-74 World Cup squad emerged.



● **FRANZ BECKENBAUER** watches anxiously as his goalkeeper, Hubert Birkenmeier, saves this shot from Australia's John Nyskohus at the Sydney Showgrounds in 1979, in the most well-attended (about 50,000) soccer match held here since the 1956 Olympic final. At left is Mark Jankovics. Australia won 2-1.



● **VLADIMIR BEARA**, probably Yugoslavia's greatest goalkeeper of all time, flies to save in front of local striker Frank Parsons in Hajduk Split's 3-1 victory over NSW at the Sydney Showgrounds in 1949. Parsons, a star Socceros, went on to become an ASF official.



● **START OF A NEW ERA:** Australia's first national youth team, formed in 1979 by Socceros coach Rudi Gutendorf, for World Youth Championship qualifying matches. Clockwise, starting from bottom left of the goal post: Steve Hogg, Peter Raskopoulos, Alan Davidson, Danny Mouille, Craig Hall, Ian Hunter, Graham Jennings, Joe Vlasits (assistant coach), Mike Milovanovic, Eddie Krncevic, Mike Boogaard, Rudi Gutendorf, George Christopoulos, Ian Rowden, Greg Woodhouse, Peter Tredinnick, Peter Wilson, Theo Selemidis, Paul Kay.



● **OLLIE NORRIS** (right), former Bourne mouth star, slams home the third goal in a hat-trick for Ringwood-Wilhelmina against Lions in a Victorian State League match at Jubilee Park in the early sixties. At left is Lions goalkeeper Dieter Vogts getting out of the way of Norris's boot while the Lions player with St Albans later, Wilhelmina won 4-2.

World Cup count-down: No.5 — POLAND

\$4690 CUP TOUR

Continental Airlines have arranged a supporters' tour to Mexico for the 1986 World Cup finals.

The 23-day and 21-night tour has been organised in conjunction with the sporting travel agency specialists, Gullivers.

Tickets to seven World Cup matches, including the final at Aztec Stadium on June 29, are included in the tour, priced at \$4690, said Continental's general manager for Australia, Mr Col Hughes.

Other features of the tour package are return Continental Airlines travel to Mexico City from Australia, twin share hotel accommodation in Mexico City, Los Angeles and Honolulu, coach transfers between hotels, airports and match venues and a half-day tour of the Mexican Pyramids.

Mr Hughes emphasised that tickets for four quarter-finals, one semi-final, one play-off between third and fourth placed teams and the final before 100,000 spectators were reserve 'A' category.

"As we are the only airline with through service from Australia to Mexico, it made sense for us to develop a tour in conjunction with Gullivers," he said.

Information on the package can be obtained from Continental Airlines and Gullivers Sport Travel (02) 223 1911.

ZMUDA OUT TO BEAT SEELER'S RECORD

Standings from the past three World Cups show Poland on top with a total of 28 points from 20 matches played.

Brazil is second with 27 points from 19 matches, followed by West Germany with 26 points from 20.

The squad is training hard to prepare for the heat and humidity they will encounter in Monterrey, where the average June temperature is 33 degrees Centigrade.

If Poland reach the second round, it may have to move to play at high altitudes, but coach Antoni Piechniczek said the youth of his players, whose average age is only 26, would ease any acclimatisation problems.

He has hired a high and secluded, lakeside rest centre, about 30 minutes drive from Monterrey, where players will arrive 12 days before the June 2 kickoff against Morocco.

Training began at a two-week winter camp and a squad of 20 spent 10 days in Italy playing Third Division clubs.

They also went to Argentina to compete in a tournament with leading Latin American clubs Boca Juniors and River Plate.

To help Piechniczek prepare for the finals, the domestic season in Poland will end in early May, two months earlier than normal.

Piechniczek said the squad for the Latin American tour will not be joined by international veterans Zbigniew Boniek, Jozef Mlynarczyk and Wladyslaw Zmuda.

From MICHAL BRONIATOWSKI

Only centre back Zmuda, now with Italian second division club Udinese, will have to fight for a place in Poland's defence and his fourth final to beat the record of 21 World Cup appearances held by West Germany's Uwe Seeler.

Zmuda, 31, of towering sweep, has played 20 World Cup matches, but Piechniczek says he is still in with a chance if he proves he is in his best form.



● Dziekanowski

By PAUL MOON

The rise of Poland in the 1970s provided international soccer with one of its most pleasing chapters.

The Poles previously had been among world football's also-rans.

They did occasionally throw up substantial talents such as Ernest Wilimowski (who scored four goals against Brazil in the 1938 World Cup finals and still finished on the losing side) and Ernest Pol, whose domestic goalscoring records set in the early 1960s still stand, yet the depth of talent needed to become an international power continually eluded Poland.

When Wlodzimierz Lubanski emerged as a striker of exceptional ability for Gornik in European club competitions and Poland during the mid-sixties, it appeared probable that he was destined to miss the chance for real international glory through the inadequacy of his teammates.

However, by the time he was 25, Lubanski found himself playing alongside a crop of young players of unprecedented brilliance.

Jerzy Gorgon, Leslaw Cmikiewicz, Kamilierz Deyna and Robert Gadocha were all worthy of a place in the same team as Lubanski and these five formed the backbone of a side which struck gold at the 1972 Olympics.

Unfortunately, injuries forced Lubanski to miss the 1974 World Cup finals (Poland's first appearance in the tournament for 36 years), but Jan Tomaszewski, Wladyslaw Zmuda, Henryk Kasprczak, Grzegorz Lato and Andrzej Szarmach were now at hand to more than compensate. Poland gained third place.

Eight years later, Poland finished third again. This time, Jozef Mlynarczyk, Andrzej Buncol, Andrzej Iwan, Wlodzimierz Smolarek and Zbigniew Boniek proved themselves

comparable with any at the highest level.

They will be playing in Mexico, but the qualifying rounds suggested that the young players to travel with them are not quite up to the standard of their immediate World Cup predecessors.

Even so, Poles retain great faith in Krzysztof Pawlak, Roman Wojcik, Waldemar Matysik, Jan Urban, Andrzej Palasz and Dariusz Dziekanowski. Their development will profoundly effect Polish soccer's medium-term future.

With so many factors to ponder, it is difficult to assess Poland's chances, but first-round elimination appears likelier than advancement beyond the quarter finals.

Possible squad: JOZEF MCYNARCYK (Porto): one of Europe's safest goalkeepers on the field, but somewhat inclined prone off it, he was banned for a year as the consequence of turning up drunk as the team assembled to fly to Malta for a European Championship game and recently was forced to move from Bastia when the Corsicans' financial plight had resulted in a two-month delay in his wages. Won two League Championship medals and the 1983 Polish Footballer of the Year award while with Widzew Lodz.

JACEK KAMIMERSKI (Legia Warsaw): A goalkeeper who was regarded as an outstanding prospect in 1982, when making his full international debut during an astonishing 4-0 victory over Aston in Paris, but has not progressed as anticipated.

JOZEF WANDZIK (Gornik Zabrze): 21 years of age and Poland's best young goalkeeping talent, he is favored to win the third 'keeper's spot in order to gain experience despite being only a reserve for his club.

KRZYSZTOF PAWLAK (Lech Poznan): Very versatile, able to play anywhere in the back four or midfield, but probably best at right back. Long one of the most consistent performers in domestic soccer, he has only recently found his feet at senior international level. Began his career at Poznan's "second" club Warta.

ROMAN WOJCICKI (Widzew Lodz): 6ft 4ins Goliath of a stopper, who is sometimes utilised in midfield, he has been let down in the past by a fiery temperament. A member of the Polish squads at the 1978 and 1982 World Cup finals, but his only playing experience in soccer's foremost tournament was coming on as a late substitute during a win over France which secured third place in Spain. Previous clubs were Odra Opole, Slask Wroclaw and Wisla Krakow.

WALDEMAR MATYSIK (Gornik Zabrze): A hard-working performer in the centre of midfield, he is often the springboard for attack with quick, decisive passes, but also excels at man-to-man marking. A major factor in Gornik's First Division Championship last season.

MAREK OSTROWSKI (Pogon Stettin): First made his mark with Poland's Olympic selection, then gained a place in senior squad. Usually plays at left back, but his flair and distribution ability are often used in midfield.

DARIUSZ WDOWCZYK (Legia Warsaw): A member of Poland's team in Australia during the 1981 Coca-Cola Cup finals, he gained recognition for his consistently fine performances in the Legia back four and was elevated to the senior international squad last year.

WLADYSLAW ZMUDA (Udinese): Recently restored to the Polish squad after an absence of almost four years, while engaged abroad. A highly talented sweeper, who will be appearing in his fourth final if selected for Mexico, is due to celebrate his 32nd birthday on June 6 (the day before Poland meets Portugal in Monterrey). A stormy personality has led to a large number of club affiliations (for an Eastern European) Gwardia Warsaw, Widzew Lodz, Slask Wroclaw, Verona (Italy) and New York Cosmos.

RYZARD KOMORNICKI (Gornik Zabrze): Forms a very effective partnership with Matysik for both club and country. Usually a midfielder, but he has played on the left wing for Gornik.

ANDRZEJ BUNCOL (Legia Warsaw): A vital figure in the Polish side as right-sided midfielder. Hard work, intelligent running, ferocious shooting and defence-stretching cross balls are his fortes. Formerly with Ruch Chorzow.

JAN URBAN (Gornik Zabrze): An exciting midfielder, he is one of the rising stars of Polish football, having benefited greatly from a transfer which took him from Zaglebie Sosnowiec to champion Gornik last year. Was seen in Australia during the 1981 Coca-Cola Cup finals.

ANDRZEJ PALASZ (Gornik Zabrze): Linkman, who is only now fulfilling the promise he showed as a teenager, when hailed as the "new Lubanski". Has experience as both a forward and midfielder, but most valuable in the latter role, where his deft passing can split the best defences.

RYZARD TARASCEWICZ (Slask Wroclaw): First came to prominence as a striker, but now established as one of his country's best midfielders.

ZBIGNIEW BONIEK (Roma): Arguably, Poland's greatest-ever players, certainly the best known worldwide, he was subject of a \$2.2 million transfer when moving last year from Juventus, where his best form was not always evident, but will always be revered by Juve fans for the role he played in capturing the coveted European Champions' Cup.

ANDRZEJ ZGUTCZNISKI (Gornik Zabrze): A young striker who was recently promoted to the senior squad, he cost Gornik \$200,000 when transferred from Baltik Gelnaga two years ago.

DARIUSZ DZIEKANOWSKI (Legia Warsaw): The subject of a \$420,000 transfer (a record for a deal in an Eastern Bloc country) when moving from Widzew Lodz last year and a \$300,000 transaction (then a Polish record) three years ago, when leaving Gwardia Warsaw.

WLODZIMIERZ SMOLAREK (Widzew Lodz): Gifted, goalscoring left winger, who has been a regular in the side since making his debut in 1981. A proposed transfer to Belgium's Standard Liege was vetoed last year by the Polish federation.

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● Poland's qualifying results: v Greece 3-1 (home), 4-1 (away); v Albania 2-2 (home), 1-0 (away); v Belgium 0-2 (away), 0-0 (home).

Dziekanowski: he may outshine Boniek



● Zbigniew Boniek

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WORLD CUP WARM-UPS

Mexico beats Soviets 1-0

MEXICO CITY, World Cup host: Mexico earned a narrow but well-deserved victory over the Soviet Union, beating one of the fancied teams in next June's finals 1-0 in a friendly international.

The 110,000-capacity Aztec Stadium was barely a third full but the fans who did turn up had plenty to admire in a crisp and organised Mexican display.

Manuel Negrete, a skilful playmaker, was given oceans of space in midfield by the Soviets and he made them pay for the error in the 38th minute.

One of his many sweet chips floated to the far post and Javier Aguirre headed past the unprotected Rinat Dasaev, who spent much of the game proving he is still one of the world's great goalkeepers.

Mexican hopes for the World Cup finals are generally modest and were not raised by a 2-1 defeat against East Germany in another friendly last weekend.

But on this form they will be strong candidates to qualify from Group B where their opponents are Belgium, Paraguay and Iraq.

In RABAT, World Cup finalists Morocco and Bulgaria drew 0-0 in a friendly international.

Attendance: 30,000.

And in ELCHÉ, Spain beat Belgium 3-0 in a World Cup warm-up international.

Scorers: Emilio Butragueno (3rd minute), Julio Salinas (40), Antonio Maceda (72).

Attendance: 35,000.

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Innes move?

George Cross coach John Gardiner is keen to sign Kevin Innes from Polonia. Innes, a former Alpha City player, was Polonia's Player of the Year last season. There's just \$2000 on his head and his ability to play either at the back or in mid-field should add versatility to the George Cross first team squad.

Gadsby moves

Victorian League Second Division club Dandenong City was expected to sign former Hakohar star Steve Gadsby from Dandenong as we went to press.

Dandenong City is coached by Jimmy Daperis. His assistant is Ray King and the club has signed three players from Kew, now amalgamated with Moreland. The players are: Mark Phillips, David Spencer and Mark Krsevan.

Dandenong Council has allocated \$300,000 to build new clubrooms on Dandenong City's Frank Holohan Soccer Complex. Once completed, the \$1 million complex will be one of the finest sporting complexes in the south eastern suburbs.



Steve Dimovski of Western Suburbs lurches in front of Croatia's Luka Bonacic.

Ward: I want more money!

West Subs 1 M.Croatia 1

Scorers: Wests: Kakantonis 27th; Croatia: Bonacic 45th.

Gary Ward was angry at being rested from this match, which meant little to Croatia as it already had qualified for the semi-finals.

Goalkeeper Mirko Runje got a run for only one half. Dave McIntosh was replaced after 46 minutes to give Ivica Juric some match practice and coach Miron Blieberg tried out various positional permutations.

But Ward's case was different, as he made it clear that he was not happy with the terms of his contract.

"They said back in November that there would be no wage increases, and that would have been fair enough if they'd given me a contract to sign then and there. But they didn't. I haven't signed anything. Now I've done well, a few clubs are after me, I've got a maximum in my contract (\$7500) and they'll have to pay me more money."

Man of the match: MILUTIN CIRIC (West Subs)

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Brendan Farmer replaced Wests' striker Dave Smallman in the 44th minute, and Croatia equalised seconds later with a header by Bonacic from a cross by Mark Talajic, a member of the national under 16 team that fared so well in China last year.

When Juric came on for McIntosh, coach Blieberg had completed the following changes: Bonacic from mid-field to sweeper; Juric to left mid-field; Talajic from right to left mid-field; Steve Gojevic from attack to central mid-field; Biskic from right wing to central striker.

Wests, meanwhile, pushed Darren Tuck from the right flank to a striker's position, with Farmer slotting into the mid-field.

Biskic got past opponents guard five minutes from the end but his powerful shot was turned out for a corner by a fantasist, one-handed save from sensational Ciric.

McGuinness had a great chance to win the game for Wests but shot across the six-yard box with the goal at this mercy.

Bonacic — especially while in mid-field — and Steve Gojevic (as usual) were the stars for Croatia, along with Biskic. — LAURIE SCHWAB.

TSOLAKIS LEADS

Little Peter Tsolakis of Heidelberg Alexander has hit the front in the race to be crowned best player of the Buffalo Gold Cup.

Tsolakis is just in front of Makedonia striker Sean Lane, who won't poll more votes due to his teams elimination from the competition. Steve Marley of Heidelberg, Peter Lewis of Juventus and Robert Markovac and Steve Gojevic of Croatia are the best chances of overhauling Tsolakis.

Croatia's Gary Ward still heads the scorers' list with six goals, two in front of Markovac. If, as expected, Croatia reaches the Buffalo Gold Cup final, the battle between Ward and Markovac will go right down to the wire.

Here are the leading votegeters in the best player award:

- 7.5 - Lane (Mak)
- 7 - Bruns (Mow)
- 6.5 - Tapal (JUST)
- 5.5 - Dimovski (WS)
- 5 - Marley (Heid), Peter Lewis (Juve), McKinley (Box Hill)
- 4.5 - Markovac, Gojevic (Croatia)
- 4 - Campelj (Geo.Cross), Train (Mow)
- Leading scorers:
- 6 - Ward (Croatia)
- 4 - Markovac (Croatia)
- 3 - Cole (Mak), Griffin (Box Hill), Paul Lewis (GC)
- 2 - Parton, Gilder (Geo.Cross), McDowall (Hellas), Petersen (Juve), Latif (JUST), Tsolakis (Heid)



One way to stop Vlado Bozinovski of Hellas — grab him by the leg, the way Peter Lewis does in LES SHORROCK'S picture.

JUST not good enough

Man of the match: ALAN HUMBLE (Croydon)

Foots. JUST 2 Croydon 1

Scorers: JUST — Tapal 12th, Latif 61st, Croydon, Livingston 47th.

Footscray JUST won its only game of the Buffalo Cup but its performance left much to be desired, while Croydon's Andy Humble continued to emerge as one of the toughest and most effective strikers in Victoria.

JUST's much-vaunted imports, Zoran Nikitovic and Vojislav Vukcevic figured in the first noteworthy incident of the game when Vukcevic's lobbed back-pass missed Nikitovic who was coming out towards him and almost resulted in an own goal. Each blamed the other over that blue.

But JUST took the lead shortly afterwards. Goran Nedelkovski, the young mid-fielder playing with a lot more confidence this time, speared the ball through the



Vasic Jovicic Picioane

Like puppets on a string

Juventus 1 Green Gully 1

Scorers: Paul Lewis 26th (GG), Petersen penalty 47th (Juve).

When is a penalty not a penalty? When is a fair tackle an unfair tackle?

Soccer philosophers the world over have pondered this age-old question, hoping to make sense out of human existence, or, at least to make the contradictions of everyday life a little bearable.

These wise, grey-haired men should have been invited, as guests of Buffalo Sports of course, to Olympic Park last week to watch conflicting schools of tactical thought to do battle. At one end of the soccer spectrum lies the McKendry school. The guru himself was in attendance, spreading his gospel to men dressed in black and white striped shirts. Slightly left of centre lies the Murray school of thought (George that is, not Bill) where spontaneity is a bit more in vogue. Murray was at this match too, as part of a process which one day may earn him a "guru" label.

But both McKendry and Murray failed to attract the spotlight which fell on referee Stuart Mellings, reached dazzling proportion in the 47th minute.

In that instant, the answers to the questions which have plagued soccer philosophers for eons were laid bare before 750 bewildered fans.

Steve McLellan of Green Gully, timing his challenge well, knicked the ball away from Joe Palatidis of Juventus inside the Gully area. Palatidis threw himself forward sprawling on the ground. Referee Mellings pointed to the spot and one of the most significant incidents in human history had taken place. Now we all knew when a penalty wasn't a penalty. Now we all knew when a fair tackle was an unfair tackle.

For those thinkers who favor determinism over free will, Gully's attempts at winning were laughable. Try as they may, the men in green and white, foolishly believing that their fate lay in their own

Man of the match: PAT MARRAMA (Juventus)

hands, were not destined to score. Like marionettes helpless to the whims of a perverse puppeteer, Green Gully players were made to bounce and bobble about the Juventus area, having shots saved by Pat Marrama or striking the woodwork.

When the hold on Green Gully was relaxed, it scored. Paul Lewis used his body well to hold off Palatidis, turned sharply and struck a low shot from the edge of the Juventus area past Marrama and into the far corner of goal. That was in the 26th minute with 10 Juventus players on the park.

Joe Sweeney, in the 13th minute, had become the third Juventus player sent off in the Buffalo Cup, joining Mehmet Durakovic and Brian Brown. Sweeney aimed a kick at Gully defender Stuart Cannell and referee Mellings reacted immediately, holding his red card high.

Sweeney had retaliated. The scene had been set a few minutes earlier when Sweeney tried to head the ball on following a long throw-in from the left. He found himself sandwiched by Joe Vizzini and Cannell and immediately after all three challenged for the high ball, Cannell had thrown a back-heeler which missed Sweeney.

But it was Cannell who stayed on the park and played well.

Paul Lewis could have scored four goals and played a prominent part in the best chance of the match.

Lewis, probably in a state of shock after receiving Mike Petersen's intended passback, had the ball stolen off his feet by Marrama in the 50th minute and after shielding the ball

JUST REUNION

Former Soccerroo Joe Picioane is the latest ex-Footscray JUST player to join Royal Richmond.

Picioane switched from JUST to Marconi and played last season with Albion Turk Gully. Rade Jovicic, who came to Australia to join JUST, accompanies Picioane from Albion to Royal Richmond.

There they linked up once more with former teammates Jim Kondorovic and Dragan Vasic.

Royal Richmond's goalkeeper, Peter Krehoresin, was back-up goalkeeper at JUST for a while, and Slobodan Popovic also was brought to Australia by JUST.

middle and the linesman kept his flag down as Bill Lazopoulos burst past defenders. Into the clear, Lazopoulos should have scored, but he hesitated much too long. Luckily for JUST, Ernie Tapal nipped in and was at hand to slot the ball home when Lazopoulos finally played it forward.

Vlatko Belic was impressive in mid-field for JUST during the first half, while Jim O'Reilly was extremely safe in Croydon's defence, and Jim Tansey attacked well on the left.

Nikitovic made a courageous save when he knocked the ball away from the advancing Matt McDonald in the 31st minute. Graham French hit

the woodwork with a scoring attempt, but referee Upjohn ruled goalkeeper Nikitovic had been fouled and awarded a free kick.

Humble set up a fine Croydon attack just before the break. It was repelled to Jim MacLean who blasted over the top from long range.

JUST got its winning goal after half time and replaced by Zoran Vlatovic. Then came two hair-raising mistakes in defence — one of which resulted in Croydon's equaliser.

Ljube Petrevski, playing right back, played a back-pass which forced Vlatovic to dive. He managed only to block the ball, then ran free to Alar Livingston facing the open goal. He made no mistake.

Then, in a similar incident, Vukcevic played a back-pass wide of Vlatovic who again had to dive to try to get the ball. Humble pounced and sent in an angled shot that bounced off to underside of the crossbar before it was hooked clear by Tom Karic.

JUST got its winning goal nine minutes from the end. Zdravko Lujic — who had been operating for part of the second half as central striker — cut the ball in from the left and Ossie Latif scored with a terrific low drive that swerved slightly as it beat goalkeeper Keith Waterman.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

Provisional League Cups

The following is the draw for the preliminary round of the Victorian Provisional League Cup to be played on Saturday March 1:

Geelong United v Ascot Vale City, Carrum v Melton, North Sunshine v Port United, Fitzroy City v Westmeadows, Mossfield Rangers v Clayton, Riversdale v Cranbourne, Ardeer v Malvern City, East Preston v Mordialloc, Ringwood Rovers v Lalor, Ivanhoe City v Chelsea, Williamstown v Northern United, Forest Hill v Altona United, Westall v Berwick City, Greensborough v Wantirna, Parkmore v Monbulk, South Springvale v Glenroy, Regent v East Geelong, Monash University v South Yarra.

The draw for the preliminary round of the Provisional League Reserve Cup on Saturday March 1:

Ascot Vale City v Williamstown, Meadow Park v Carrum United, Pascoe Vale v East Preston, Ivanhoe City v South Yarra, Seaford United v Regent, St Kilda v Central City, Geelong v Wantirna, Lalor v Mossfield, Greensborough v Monash University, Westmeadows v Melton, Malvern City v Mulgrave.

Match details

MORWELL FALCONS 2 (A.Cassar 8th, T.van Baar 36th) SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 0. Referee: John Fraser 8.

MORWELL FALCONS: Prezioso 8 - Palermo 8, Tutill 8, Bruns 8, Train 8 - T.van Baar 8, Wilson 6, (in off 89th), DiGulio 6, O'Callaghan 7 - J.van Baar 7 - A.Cassar 7. Coach: Dave Campbell.

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS: Laumerts 7 - Russell 7, Blair 6, Anzeika 6, Postecoglou 6 - Kanesoulis 7 (Bozinovski 47th), Halford 8, Miranda 7, Murphy 7 - Egan 6, O'Brien 7. Coach: John Hanganis.

GEORGE CROSS 1 (Gilder 57th) PRESTON MAKEDONIA 0. Cautions: Toal, Faulkner (GC); Opasinis (PM). Referee: Bernie Upjohn 6.

GEORGE CROSS: Kastner 7 - Taylor 7, James 8, Parton 7, Campbell 8 - Norton 8, Faulkner 7, MacLaren 6, Lennon 8 - Gilder 6, Toal 7. Coach: John Gardiner.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Trainees 6 - Momirovski 5, Piculovski 6, Opasinis 6, McLennan 7 - van Egmond 5, Petrov 7, Campbell 7, Kousias 4 (Picovski 58th), Cole 8, Lane 8. Coach: Keith Webster.

HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER 1 (Tsolakis 59th) BOX HILL 0. Referee: Chris Bambridge 8. Cautions: Higgins (H), Hennessy (BH), Tsolakis (H).

HEIDELBERG: Ovar 7 - McKie 8, Hvalby 8, Christopoulos 6, Marley 7 - Selemidis 5, Katsakidis 5, Higgins 6, Metaxas 6, Tzintzis 5 (Deligiannis 57th), Tsolakis 8. Coach: Brian Garvey.

BOX HILL: McKlay 8 - McPhee 6, McMillan 7, Brooks 5 (Davidson 6, half time) - Azzopardi 6, Hughes 6, Ramsay 7 - Lawrie 6 (Taylor 57th), Griffin 6. Coach: Keith Webster.

MELBOURNE CROATIA 1 (Bonacic 45th) WEST-ERN SUBURBS 1 (Kakantonis 27th). Referee: Evan Vassil 8.

CROATIA: Govic 6 (Runje 6, half time) - Deankovic 6, McIntosh 6 (Juric 46th), Curcio 7, Hannah 6 - Campbell 7, Bonacic 7, Talajic 7 - Biskic 8, Markovac 7, Gojevic 8. Coach: Miron Blieberg.

WESTERN SUBURBS: Curcio 8 - Beattie 7, Dimovski 7, Esposito 6, Hamill 6 - Tuck 5, Kakantonis 6, Stenson 5, McLeod 5 (McCluskey 6 half time) - Smellman 5 (Farmer 44th), McGuinness 6. Coach: Jim Connolly.

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS 1 (Paul Lewis 26th). Referee: Stuart Mellings 1. Cautions: Barichello, Paul Lewis (GG). Sent off: Sweeney 13th (BH).

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS: Marrama 9 - Palatidis 7, Peter Lewis 8, Durakovic 7, Campbell 6 - Cullen 8, Petersen 7, Wade 7, Minichiello 7 - Sweeney (sent off 13th), Incantolupo 6 (in Colarco 54th). Coach: Ian McKendry.

FOOTSCRAY JUST 2 (Tapai 12th, Latif 61st) CROYDON CITY 1 (Livingstone 47th). Referee: Bernie Upjohn 8. Cautions: Reilly (C), Humble (C).

FOOTSCRAY JUST: Nikitovic 6 - Hendo Vlatovic 44th - Petrovski 5, Vukcevic 5, Karic 6, R.Barjaktarovic 5 - Nedelkovski 6 (Mlic 49th), Belic 7 - Tapai 7 - Lazopoulos 5, Latif 5, Lujic 5. Coach: Dragan Vasic.

CROYDON CITY: Waterman 5 - Brown 5, Taylor 6, Reilly 8, Tansey 7 - McDonald 6, MacLean 6, Beech 4 (O'Shea 5 half time), Livingstone 6 - Humble 8, French 5. Coach: Peter Ollerton.

SECTION A

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Croatia	4	1	0	14	4	9
Juventus	2	2	1	5	3	6
Morwell F	2	1	2	5	7	5
W. Suburbs	2	1	2	3	6	5
Green Gully	0	3	2	4	6	3
SM-Hellas	0	2	3	2	6	2

SECTION B

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Heidelberg	3	2	0	7	4	8
George Cross	3	0	2	6	2	6
Makedonia	2	2	1	4	2	6
Box Hill	2	0	3	4	4	4
JUST	1	1	3	4	7	3
Croydon	1	1	3	3	8	3

well in the 69th minute, shot into the bar.

In the 45th minute, Paul Lewis bodychecked Durakovic out wide on the right and motored toward the Juventus goal. Lewis squared the ball to Claude Lucchesi whose first time try from dead in front was parried superbly by Marrama. Paul Lewis snapped up the rebound only to blast his shot over the bar.

In the 68th minute Cannell, who had come forward for a set-piece situation, found the ball dropping tantalisingly into his path. Cannell's shot, of course, struck the far post.

The puppeteer had a great night out. — CRAIG MACKENZIE

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● Mike Petersen (Juventus)

● Likely Buffalo Gold Cup semi-final line-ups:

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BISKIC	CAMPBELL	GOJEVIC	BONACIC	MITTEN	MACLAREN	FAULKNER	BAIN
WARD		MARKOVAC		GILDER		TOAL	
HEIDELBERG				JUVENTUS			
OLVER				MARRAMA			
McKIE	CHRISTOPOULOS	HUNTER	MARLEY	LEWIS	DOWIE	BROWN	CAMPBELL
SELEMDIS	HIGGINS	TASIOS		DURAKOVIC	PETERSEN	WADE	MINICHELLO
METAKAS	TZINTZIS	TSOLAKIS		CULLEN		INCANTALUPO	

Melbourne Croatia should continue its sparkling Buffalo Gold Cup run by beating George Cross in the first semi-final which kicks off at Olympic Park at 7pm this Saturday.

Croatia import Davor Todoric is unlikely to be in the starting line-up as he is far from match fit. The same applies to forward Ante Ljubic who flew into Australia with Todoric last Saturday.

Juventus sweeper John Dowie and stopper Brian Brown are odds-on to renew their partnership when Juventus and Heidelberg clash in the second semi-final on Saturday night.

Dowie is over a nagging back injury while Brown returns from suspension.

Croatia is the most skilful team in the Buffalo Gold Cup. Few can argue with that judgement. However, George Cross is very disciplined and superbly drilled by coach John Gardiner and assistant Jim Rooney, so Croatia will be closed down well and put under great pressure.

By CRAIG MacKENZIE

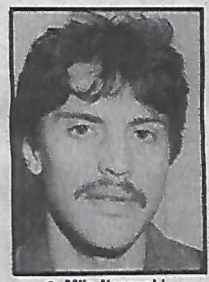
pecially Shaun Parton and Noel Mitten. But maybe, just maybe, the George Cross players are a little bit older, a little bit slower and a little bit less skilled than my players. Maybe that will make the difference," said Croatia coach Miron Bleiberg.

George Cross midfielder Roger Bain returns after suspension and is almost certain to be in the starting line-up. Bain's defensive qualities will be very important here as Croatia gets tremendous drive down its right hand side from winger Josip Biskic and full-back Drago Deankovic.

With Joe Sweeney suspended, Juventus coach Len McKendry may push Rob Cullen forward alongside Fabio Incantalupo in an effort to find a way through the Heidelberg defence led by George Christopoulos and Alan Hunter. Juventus won't get much change out wide from Heidelberg fullbacks Ian McKie and Steve Marley but I believe that Heidelberg's main weakness is up front, and Juve's back four is one of the finest in the land. In Mike Petersen and Paul Wade, Juventus has midfielders capable of getting forward quickly. That could prove decisive. I think Juventus will win.



● Steve Gojevic (Croatia)



● Mile Necovski.

Gilder lifts Cross

Man of the match
SEAN LANE
(Makedonia)

George Cross 1 Makedonia 0

Scorer: Gilder 55th.
I'm not about to play coach. I'm just a simple, working class person fortunate enough to be in a position to ask certain questions in a public arena.

I admire Makedonia's Bill Murray both as a coach and as a person. He knows that. Nevertheless, this question must be asked: Why did Sean Lane and Gary Cole drop back into midfield after half time with Nick van Egmond and Paul Koussias switched up front?

I ask the question for this reason. It strikes me that neither van Egmond nor Koussias can hold the ball well under pressure. Certainly, van Egmond is the more gifted of the two in this area. If I'm right, then it follows from my main premise that balls played forward to van Egmond and Koussias will come back just as quickly. Does it then follow that you're inviting yourself to be put under constant pressure?

If so, why, when the opposing team needs to win to make the Buffalo Cup semi while you need a draw? Would you prefer to defend your position inside your attacking half or inside your defensive half?

"In the first place our (Makedonia's) first priority was to protect our defence whose average age was only 18. We couldn't get the ball into Gary Cole or Sean Lane effectively in the first half nor could we support them effectively. We decided therefore to try and

give them more of the ball in midfield and let George Cross try and mark two of our midfielders who had been pushed forward," said Murray after the match.

"We deserved a point. In the second half we came away with chances that much more should have been made of and we should have scored early in the half."

It was George Cross which scored in the second half and forced Murray to switch Cole and Lane back up front in a last ditch attempt to level and win a semi-final spot.

But Makedonia's efforts were in vain. The goal that



● Carl Gilder (left) has scored to put George Cross into the semi-finals, and is congratulated by Noel Mitten (rear), Mark Lennon, John Campelj, Tyrone James (rear), Shaun Lane and Don McLaren.

mattered came in the 55th minute. Bobby Toal's corner to the near post was headed in by an unmarked Carl Gilder. Where was Billy Piculovski, the teenager given the task of tagging Gilder?

Gilder's best chance came in the opening minute when he raced clear on the right onto Bobby Toal's through ball only to blast his shot wide of the near post. He should at least have been on target.

Makedonia was without injured Steve Smith, Ian Rodhouse and Graham Heys and

Ian Dobson was suspended. Ron Campbell, the 1985 West Australian Rothmans Medal winner, made his debut for Makedonia and did enough to suggest that he'll be a big acquisition. Import Mile Necovski appeared in the last 12 minutes but needs time to settle in to his new environment.

It was Campbell who had one of Makedonia's best chances to level. Eight minutes were left when Lane turned customarily superbly and crossed to the far post. Campbell was free but his first time try was well over.

CRAIG MACKENZIE

Brown bursts back, but for how long?

M. Falcons 2 SM-Hellas 0

Scorer: A. Cassar 8th, T. van Baar 36th.

John Margaritis probably went fishing the day after this match, Hellas's most embarrassing loss in the Buffalo Gold Cup.

Morwell coach Dave O'Connor went fishing too, not for deep sea perch though. Or peace of mind. Strikers Peter Verachis of Box Hill and Davie Griffith of Broadmeadows were the targets O'Connor's hook was aimed at.

Margaritis, as ever, philosophical about the plight he finds himself in, can look to Scotsman Frank McGrellis and a top flight player in Greece to lead his team out of the hole it has dug for itself in the Buffalo Cup.

Doug Brown is well aware that his future at Hellas is uncertain. If it's any consolation to the former leading scorer in the National League, rival Melbourne-based NSL clubs appreciate his qualities. Juventus and Croatia to name but two.

And I'm on their bandwagon. Brown really put himself about in this match. There have been times when I've thought that Brown has been lazy and he's driven me half mad. The man has so much talent. He's got an unbelievable shot and he's unmatched from dead ball situations. He let go a bit more in this clash but he couldn't direct his shots. That will come in time, provided Hellas is prepared to give him time. That might be a hell of a proviso. We'll have to wait and see.

The faces in the Morwell dressing room after the match would have done justice to the Blues and White Minstrel Show. O'Connor wasn't beaming though. He wasn't painfully dour either. Just realistic.

"It was a good win by the lads, but there's a long, long

Man of the match:
GRAHAM TUTILL
(M. Falcons)

way to go," he said, thinking about the coming league season and knowing that he has to strengthen a squad severely depleted from last year.

The pluses for Morwell in the Buffalo Cup have been Tony van Baar, his brother Jack; Anthony Cassar, Effie's cousin; Domenico Palermo and Romeo Prezioso (incidentally Paul Clayton, it's Romeo, not Romero). The more experienced first teamers — Graham Tutill, Emil Bruns, Jim Train and John O'Callaghan — all have done their bit, as expected. Tony van Baar has been at Morwell for quite a few years but he's been unsettled, mainly for personal reasons. He's shown in the Buffalo Cup though just how important his contribution to this team could be and O'Connor is banking on him continuing his fine form throughout the league season.

But let's finally get onto the match action. Tutill almost opened the scoring in the 5th minute — for Hellas. He headed onto his own bar following Ken Murphy's cross from the right.

Three minutes later, the ball was headed goalward from a corner to Morwell. Peter Laumets came off his line and was challenged by Jack van Baar whose foot looked suspiciously high. Laumets spilled the ball and Anthony Cassar slammed it first time into goal from dead in front.

Murphy cut the ball back from the left in the 15th minute and Charlie Egan powered it in first time only to find that Murphy had been ruled offside

when he gained possession. Brown made a superb turn in the 30th minute and from just outside the Morwell area slammed a stunning drive onto the underside of the bar. Emil Bruns was alert enough to challenge Egan from behind and head the rebound out for a corner.

Egan and Richard Miranda couldn't get what could have been decisive touches to an Angie Postecoglou cross in the 33rd minute. The ball ran to John Kanesoullis whose shot was well saved by Prezioso.

Brown misused his shot a minute later. The ball fell to Bobby Russell whose shot was deflected just wide by Tutill.

A minute into the second half the handful of Hellas fans, already restless, were as agitated as Argentine ants at the far post. However, Egan couldn't get a touch to the ball and the Hellas bench squirmed uneasily again.

In the 56th minute, Brown again was off target but his shot sent the ball toward Egan at the far post. However, Egan couldn't get a touch to the ball and the Hellas bench squirmed uneasily again.

Murphy shot wide in the 58th minute and three minutes later, Morwell's defence had hampered the last nail into Hellas's coffin.

John O'Callaghan's free kick to the far post was headed back across goal by Bruns. Three Morwell players, all unmarked and all with their backs to goal, had time to toss coins to decide who should shoot. Jack van Baar won but his volley was well smothered by Laumets. The ball ran wide to O'Callaghan whose chip was headed over by the still unmarked Jack van Baar.

FOOTNOTE: The Morwell mini-bus is comfortable, well-driven and full of fun. Thanks for the lift to the Windsor, lads.
— CRAIG MACKENZIE.

Auld transfers, scores and is sent off

NORTH GEELONG 2 (Auld, Hrkic) GEELONG 0, "Geelong Advertiser" Cup final. Crowd 1520.

North Geelong signed striker Billy Auld from Polonia on Thursday. He played the following day, scored a goal and was sent off.

Bennie Ferrie robbed Ken Prior to create the opportunity for Auld's opening goal in the 20th minute.

He was sent off 10 minutes later, allegedly for striking an opponent.

For the second goal, Steve Vukovic, North Geelong's best player, lobbed the ball into the box where it bounced before John Hrkic put it away.

Geelong, which missed Liam McCuskey who has switched to Western Suburbs, also was reduced to 10 men when Bill Munro was sent off on a striking charge 10 minutes from the end.

Best players were Vukovic, Hrkic and Ferrie for North Geelong, and Craig Plummer and Ken Prior for Geelong.

The third place match was won 3-2 by Hamlyn Rangers over Bell Park. Hamlyn opened the scoring through Stewart Munro.

Bill Muir rose unchallenged to a cross from the left to put Hamlyn further ahead before half-time. Bell Park replied with a drive from the edge of the penalty area by midfielder Joe Tutone. His partner, Antony Vanjek, repeated the performance, but just when it seemed that the game would go into extra time, Darren Nelson snatched the winner.

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• Alan Davidson (right) in action for Australia against Antonio Cabrini (left) of Juventus at the SCG in 1984.

Davidson passed up Germany for Hellas

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Alan Davidson had the choice of going back to Nottingham Forest and probably being dumped in the reserves by angry manager Brian Clough; joining Yomiuri in Japan or linking up with former Soccerroo coach Rudi Gutendorf at Hertha BSC in West Berlin.

He was able to rejoin South Melbourne Hellas thanks to the shrewd negotiating of coach John Margaritis and committeeman Pierre Pallas.

They persuaded Clough to release Davidson for a mere \$12,000.

Margaritis said, with a mischievous grin: "I told Clough that Alan had been injured for a long time, and yet if he returned to England, Nottingham Forest would have to keep paying him because he was still under contract. I said we were willing to give Alan a go because he's an old Hellas boy but that soccer isn't much good here, and we couldn't afford more than 5000 pounds — which is about \$12,000. It took us a long time to get through to

Clough, because we kept having to talk to other people in the Forest Office, but finally he said: 'For f... 's sake, send a telex and confirm the offer.'

Davidson started training with Hellas yesterday (Tuesday).

He still has to sell his Fiat and his furniture which are back at his Nottingham apartment in England.

He contemplated with a laugh what reception he would receive were he to ring Clough and ask him to organise the sale for him.

"He hung up on me last time I rang," Davidson said.

"That was when I told him I'd have to

The match programme

• Hellas is to open the NSL season against Juventus in a match re-scheduled for March 23 to March 16. The new date, however, is yet to be confirmed.

HOME

Round 2, April 6: v H'berg Alexander
Round 4, April 20: v. Brisbane Lions
Round 6, May 11: v. Preston Macedonia
Round 7, May 18: v. Melbourne Croatia
Round 9, June 8: v. Brisbane City
Round 11, June 22: v. Green Gully
Round 13, July 6: v. Foots J.U.S.T.
Round 15, July 20: v. Adel City Juventus
Round 18, August 17: v. George Cross
Round 20, August 31: v. West Adel Hellas
Round 22, September 14: v. B'wick Juventus

AWAY

Round 1, March 16: v. Brunswick Juventus
Round 3, April 13: v. Foots J.U.S.T.
Round 5, May 4: v. Adel City Juventus
Round 8, May 25: v. George Cross
Round 10, June 15: v West Adel Hellas
Round 12, June 29: v H'berg Alexander
Round 14, July 13: v. Brisbane Lions
Round 16, August 3: v. Preston Macedonia
Round 17, August 10: v. Melbourne Croatia
Round 19, August 24: v Brisbane City
Round 21, September 7: v. Green Gully

• Round 1 date to be confirmed



• SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS: Front: John Kanesoulis, Ken George Mihos. Missing: Alan Davidson

ing to my contract, they had to release me for national team games.

"I was on the fringe of the first team at the time, because I'd only just recovered from the back injury, but another full back was injured and if someone else dropped out, they were going to be in trouble. As it turned out, Jim McNally got hurt while I was in Australia, and they had to use a 16-year-old against Arsenal."

Apart from his hassles with Clough, Davidson also missed his parents and his friends, and he had a few personal problems.

Asked why he didn't accept Gutendorf's offer to go to West Berlin, Davidson said: "I was in Germany for a trial with Bayern Munich a few years ago, and I also trained with Toyo Kogyo in Hiroshima in 1982. It was my burning ambition to play

stay here for a long rest because I'd aggravated my back injury.

"He said: 'Listen, we saw you on TV, playing for Australia, yet now you can't come back and play for us. Who the hell do you think you are?'"

"Before I left England, he had said: 'If you walk out now, you can look for another club.'"

"But legally I was OK because accord-

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AS, from left, standing: Peter Vardaxis, Bobby Russell, Manny
eve Blair, Garry McDowall, Richard Miranda, Vlado Bozinovski,
rphy, Charlie Egan, Doug Brown, Peter Laumets, Carl Halford,
idson.

verses but now that I've done it, my
thoughts are changing. Happiness, friends
and family are more important than any-
thing else now. Over the past few years
I've been down a bit. I've had problems. I
was in a cut-throat jungle and while I was
prepared to accept that, personal happi-
ness is, I believe, more important.

"An image is created around soccer
verses but the players are not all that
great. The standard has dropped. It's a
great life being a professional footballer
but coming from the comparative luxury of
life in Australia, to the freezing northern
interior of a country that, quite frankly, is
suffered economically, can be a hell of a
rock."

Speaking about the cold weather, Da-
vidson said: "I've had ankle injuries, and
the cold weather gave me arthritis all the

time. I didn't know where to put the car —
in the garage, which meant I had to shovel
the snow away in the morning just to get
the garage door open — or outside where
the windows would get frozen over, and
where you couldn't start it. I was scraping
the ice off the windshield one morning,
when someone pointed out that you could
buy what they call 'de-icer' in a spray can.
There were icicles hanging from the
floodlights at training: icicles hanging vir-
tually from your nose."

Looking back at Australia's two games
against Scotland, Davidson said that the
second game, in Melbourne, showed that
with a more adventurous attitude, the
Socceroos may have done a better than
losing 0-2 in the first leg, in Glasgow.

"But it's easy to talk with hindsight,"
he added. "We went to Scotland expect-
ing them to be better than they really are.

And we didn't know a couple of players
were going to have an off night; you can't
predict such things, so it's not really fair to
say that changes should have been made
to the team. But with a more positive atti-
tude by all the players, we may have
snatched a goal, and we may have put our-
selves under a lot less pressure.

"In the next World Cup it will be differ-
ent. We'll be even better because there
are a lot of excellent young players
around, who already have a lot of experi-
ence with the Socceroos — guys like Gra-
ham Arnold, Robbie Dunn, Ian Gray,
Tommy McCulloch, Jeff Oliver and so on."

Davidson is looking forward to playing
under Margaritis again. Davidson was at
Hellas while Margaritis coached there
from late 1979 until 1982.

"I didn't get along with Hellas's previ-
ous coach, Len McKendry," Davidson
said. "I didn't agree with some of his
methods and I disliked the man's
character."

"John Margaritis is down to earth, he
doesn't worry about other people. He just
goes about his business and he's a genu-
ine guy."

Margaritis says he probably will use Da-
vidson at right midfield but Davidson
doesn't like playing there. "Anywhere but
out on the flank," is the way Davidson
puts it. "I said to John: 'Play me as sweep-
er,' but he said: 'Son, I've got a thousand
sweepers'."

Margaritis appeased Davidson by
pointing out his midfield formation is flexi-
ble, with players alternating positions.

"He can go up and score goals, and come
back. He is a very talented player. He
knows what to do," Margaritis said.

Once Frank McGrellis arrives from
South Africa and if Margaritis is willing to
switch to a 4-3-3 formation, Hellas's
strongest line-up would appear to be: Lau-
mets — Russell, McDowall, Blair, Poste-
coglou — Davidson, Miranda, Murphy —
Egan, McGrellis, Brown.

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Mum's the word on semi-finals

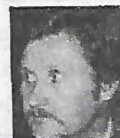
We'd love to let our readers know the draw for the semi-finals of the 1986 NSW Ampol Cup but we go to press on Monday and the NSW federation doesn't release the draw until Wednesday.

The reason? The federation's executive doesn't meet until Tuesday and the draw requires its ratification.

All we can tell you is that the semi-finals will be at St. George Stadium this Sunday, the first game starting at 4.30 pm.

Other federations don't share NSW's problems. The Victorian and South Australian federations, to name just two, are only too willing to publicise their pre-season cup competitions by announcing the draw for the semi-finals with hours of the participants being known.

These federations realise the importance of publicity, especially to the sponsors of the competitions. We thank them for that realisation and we apologise to our many readers in NSW for our inability to let them know the semi-final draw.



with ALEX VESIC

Comment

Don't like your coach? Then go and tell him

Criticism of some NSL coaches by young players from Sydney seems to indicate our youngsters know it all. Why then, do they produce so little?

Tommy McCulloch at the ripe old age of 24 found the style of Les Scheinflug "boring". He failed to tell his coach while at Marconi, but as soon as he moved to another club he took a long stick to his ex-coach.

It is no secret that Scheinflug is one of the most respected coaches in this country and his record stands before all. To look to him to admire, respect and salute Scheinflug not only as a coach but also as an ex-player.

As recently as two weeks ago yet another youngster came out firing on all cylinders about the ability of Wollongong City's new coach John Fleming.

It is no secret that a number of youngsters in the NSL do not hide their feelings about someone who "couldn't coach his way out of a paper bag" or who is "too defensive".

"I am not going to play for that idiot next year," said one youngster who promptly accepted an offer from his club and had the same coach for the next season.

"We haven't played the indoor stuff, you know what I mean, with small goals and less players on either side, for almost two weeks. This coach of ours must be insane," says another kid.

What about this one: "We haven't practised short sprints, only one kilometre runs 20 times each training session. I am sure I'll become an Olympian by the time the season starts. We haven't seen the ball yet, except in Ampol Cup games".

What drives all these youngsters to so readily judge those who are supposed to be their teachers?

Do they feel that people will accept their view of no confidence in the coach as an excuse for lack of success or excuse for the lack of entertainment produced by teams and individuals?

If a player truly is gifted, no coach can take that away from him and turn him into a robot.

Chris Kalantzis is explosive and entertaining, while Tony Dakos is growing into the Australian Beckenbauer. Jurek Drys from Polonia Sydney cannot be kept quiet during the entire game. To create space with his subtle ball control and produce a pass with either foot with pinpoint accuracy is exciting to watch.

What about Zarko Odzakovic? Is he a football genius? Of course!

David Lowe, Marshall Soper, Jozo Antolovic, Ray Farrugia, Josip Bliskic, Steve Gojevic and many others need no introduction to good, strong and skilful soccer.

These players could not criticise their coach. They have what it takes to make us enjoy soccer in a country saturated with Rugby League, Aussie Rules and other sports, most of the world knows little about.

If you have a problem and your coach is not what you have hoped for, then it is time to air your views like a man — go to him and tell him. Maybe, just maybe he will put you right. If not then at least he should respect your honesty.

— ALEX VESIC.

Syd Olympic 3 Marconi 0

At St George Stadium. Crowd: 5,021. Referee: G. Waine S.

Scorers: Kalantzis 35th, Raskopoulos 33rd & 37th. Yellow cards: Rizzotto, Mason, Raskopoulos, Stevenson. Sent off: Rizzotto 44th, Stevenson 69th.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier 9 — Lambropoulos 6, Dakos 7, Stankovic 6, Phillips 7 — Raskopoulos 6, Estavillo 7, Johnstone 5 (Burke 86th) — Stevenson 5 (sent off 69th), Brandt 5, Kalantzis 7 (Soper 59th).

MARCONI: James 7 — Carter 8, Calderan 6, Wheatley 6, Rizzotto 5 (sent off 44th) — Mason 6 (Brown 46th), Gray 6, Sterrey 6 — Tredinnick 7, Lowe 8, Henderson 6.

Temper flared and play was stopped repeatedly as Olympic brushed past Marconi at St George Stadium. Joe Rizzotto and Stuart Stevenson got their marching orders, but others also deserved the red card treatment.

It is also difficult to accommodate the thought that the better team got thumped to the tune of three goals to nothing.

And then there was Graeme Waine, the referee. He could not be faulted for sending off Rizzotto or Stevenson but he certainly made some strange decisions.

Johnstone and Gray, Raskopoulos and Mason, Stevenson and Rizzotto had their differences at the start of the match and it looked as if riot police were all that could save this match from deteriorating into an all-out brawl.

Waine allowed much of this to go on, yet he decided to use his whistle towards the end of the first half with Marconi attacking. Tony Henderson drew the ball to his left and was about to shoot for goal from 22 metres when the whistle blew.

Marconi was awarded a free kick 40 metres from goal following a scuffle off the ball between Estavillo and Tredinnick. How on earth do you blow your whistle to stop an attack by the side which has not committed an offence?

Amidst all the fighting, Marconi, with the wind at its back, looked the better side and attacked looking for an opening. Henderson managed to get into a scoring position after 30 minutes on a pass by Lowe but failed to get on target.

Two minutes later and following a cross by Tredinnick, Olympic battled hard to stop shots from Gray and Sterrey, with the latter grazing the upright.

Then against the run of play, Olympic broke through to score. A cross by Johnstone eluded Marconi's defence to find Kalantzis who controlled the ball well to slip his left-foot under the keeper.

To make matters worse for Marconi, Joe Rizzotto was given his marching orders with one minute remaining of the first half. Booked for an earlier tackle on Lambropoulos (who needed attention), Rizzotto

swung at Kalantzis and was booked again. It took some Olympic players to convince the referee that it was Rizzotto's second offence and out came the red card. Seconds later Kalantzis was brought down by Mason and another scuffle broke out with Mason, penalised for his tackle, showing his displeasure by putting his fingers around Kalantzis' neck. In turn the youngster poked his tongue at Marconi players as he ran towards Marconi's goal.

Talk about bedlam! Mason was replaced at half time, for Marconi could not afford to lose another player. He looked certain to go had he continued in the same style.

The second half was almost a "non-event" in comparison with the first.

Marconi, playing against the wind and with 10 men, looked the better side. For a short period, just after Soper had replaced Kalantzis, Sydney Olympic came back with Soper tantalising Marconi.

Then came the departure of Stevenson. His high tackle on James was followed by a tackle on Calderan 30 seconds later. Both tackles looked harsh and Stevenson was sent off after 69 minutes.

Marconi swung into action and looked set to equalise when Henderson faced Meier in the 76th. His shot hit the post and with the rebound favoring Olympic, out went what was to be Marconi's last chance.

Seven minutes to go and with Raskopoulos on the ball, there seemed to be no threat. But 30 metres from goal and with the wind at his back, Raskopoulos unleashed a fierce drive which left James helpless. If we had a competition for the GOAL OF THE YEAR this would have been it.

Four minutes later, Raskopoulos was at it again, this time with a little bit of help from Bruce James. The Marconi keeper came out to clear an Olympic through ball. He headed the ball away, but straight to Raskopoulos who was standing 40 metres from goal. He calmly lobbed the keeper to make it 3-0.

Marconi always looked the better team, yet was beaten soundly.



Stuart Stevenson



Tony Labbozzetta

TONY'S BACK

Tony Labbozzetta, vice-chairman of the NSL, is the new chairman of Marconi Soccer Club.

At a general meeting of club members last Sunday, Labbozzetta scored a narrow victory over Cossimo Mariani.

Labbozzetta, who stood at the helm of the club in its initial years in the NSL, is back in the hot seat at Fairfield. However his win came after some strong opposition from Mariani who polled only 13 votes less in the final count.

According to figures released late on Sunday night, Labbozzetta polled 377 votes to 364 registered by Mariani. Cossimo Mariani, the father of Bertie Mariani, an ex-Marconi player, was recently awarded the Order of Australia in the honors list.

WORLD-CLASS DISPLAY BY DRAGAN PUPOVAC



Melita stars Dragan Pupovac (left) and Lenny Vial

Melita Eagles 1 APFA 0

Ground: Marconi, Crowd: 3,520. Referee: Pollard 9.

Scorers: Dolton 34th. MELITA EAGLES: Pupovac 9 — Laing 7 (50th N. Tredinnick 7), McAusland 8, Wilson 8, Williams 7 — Stone 7, Farrugia 8, Serthas 6 (Dolton 85th) — Vial 5, Farnsworth 7, Meerbaan 8. APFA: LEICHHARDT: Pezzano 7 — Stevens 6, Zeras 7, Sterrey 8, Brown 7 — Hristovski 6, Bundulo 7, Butler 6 (85th Collaguri) — Koussas 5 (95th Hamilton), Dounia 5, Stewart 6.

Dragan Pupovac, in goal for the first time this season, was Melita's star following APFA's unexpected demise at Marconi Stadium last Friday night. Pupovac, the son of an ex-Avala player, showed his coach and Melita supporters that he will be hard to beat this year.

He watched Peter Berry play in goal in the qualifying games but grabbed this chance after a late decision by coach Dennis Hoggart.

Rale Rasic, the APFA coach was not overly confident before this match, stressing that "Melita must be taken seriously".

Pupovac was inspiring and made world class saves to keep his side in the match during the first half.

Glen Sterrey, Alex Bundulo and Zivko Hristovski hit shots from all angles but for all their fire and exuberance there was no way past Pupovac.

I am sure that Pupovac's display heartened Melita for it was the State League team which came storming back during the second half and looked the better team.

Serthas hit the post in the 57th from a pass by Farnsworth then Pezzano got into the act by making a great save from Farnsworth after some good work by Meerbaan. A dreadful miss by Meerbaan came close to the end.

But he came off for APFA in the closing stages with Collaguri coming on.

Collaguri, with speed to burn and a useful shot, failed however to make an impression on the tough Melita backline.

Melita's replacement, Warren Dolton, who came in for Serthas, made a huge difference. He came on with five minutes to go of normal time and struck four minutes into extra time.

Jemal Meerbaan was brought down by Glen Sterrey and referee Pollard had no hesitation in awarding Melita a penalty. After much deliberation Lenny Vial took the kick. Pezzano saved Vial's shot but failed to hold the ball and it fell for Dolton to race in and score!

Ball Melits, bye, bye APFA! Ray Farrugia is two steps away from completing his greatest success in Australia. His contribution to this match as well as that of Kenny Wilson was tremendous. Both are fierce competitors. Farrugia is exceptional on the ground while Wilson is outstanding in the air.

Farrugia has one of the best shots in Australia and Wilson is difficult to stop from set plays. With money being thrown away left, right, and centre on players it is amazing that no club has made a bid for either player this year.

Crazy? Sure — but that's football!

Farina off, bye, bye Hakoah

Croatia 2 Hakoah 1

At Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 3,520. Referee: R. Lorenz C.

Scorers: Arnold 71st, Dragovic 77th (C), Fletcher 67th (H). Sent off: Farina 88th. CROATIA: Woodhouse 7 — M. Kovacic 7, Rozic 7, Rezo 7, Jennings 8 — Clinch 6, Savor 7, Odzakov 8 — Jurin 8, Arnold 7, Dragovic 7.

HAKOAH: Clarke 7 — Rodriguez 7 (Hooker 71st), Robertson 7, Gomez 8, De Marigny 7 — Souness 7 (Kay 70th), Watson 6, Barnes 6 — Farina 5 (sent off 88th), Lee 6, Fletcher 7.

Frank Farina was sent

off and Hakoah was bundled out of yet another Cup competition, but no one in the 3,500-strong crowd could complain about the standard of football in this great quarter-final match.

Both sides fought with venom and looked set to go into extra time with some 23 minutes remaining. Then came three goals in 10 amazing minutes which settled the contest.

The game was over as far as goals were concerned but not the drama which saw Frank Farina sent off. He committed a foul in the 88th minute and was penalised by referee Lorenz.

As Farina walked away he appeared to tread on a fallen Croatia player and was sent off. Farina will not be in the Hakoah's side for the opening match of the NSL season.

Zarko Odzakovic and Zeljko Jurin were the stars of this match as both sides engaged in a fast and furious battle for a semi-final spot.

Joe Watson, far from fit, and Murray Barnes, yet to find form, were left floundering as Odzakovic controlled proceedings and sprayed his passes to perfection.

An early cross by Odzakovic saw Dragovic and Arnold lunge for the ball, inches short of knocking it into the net.

Then in came Shane Clinch

with the best chance of the match. He faced Todd Clarke and looked set to score. Jurin free alongside he had the option of chipping the keeper or pushing the ball to Jurin. Instead he shot straight at Clarke!

Croatia almost paid dearly for this miss as Draeme Fletcher struck in the 67th to give Hakoah the lead. He latched onto a pass by De Marigny to beat Woodhouse from close range.

Two minutes later it looked all over for Croatia as Barnes hit a superb shot but Woodhouse made an incredible save.

In the 71st minute Jurin raced down the wing to escape his marker then sent over a cross which Arnold only had to tap in for the equaliser.

Shortly after, another cross from Jurin enabled Emil Dragovic to head home and give Croatia a semi-final spot.

So the saga of Cup losses continues for Hakoah, despite the presence of most of its 1986 squad.

The arrival of Graham Jennings and the good form of Odzakovic and Jurin augurs well for Croatia. Vedran Rozic, its star player-coach had an exceptional game despite problems he is experiencing with his back. It wasn't until the last moment that Rozic decided to play and I am sure he didn't regret his decision.



Farina

Backing Budapest

Australian electrical appliance distributor, Lemair Australia, has renewed its sponsorship of Sydney's St George Budapest Soccer Club.

The \$25,000 sponsorship links Lemair and St George for the third successive season. Lemair's general sales manager, Harry Marr, said the sponsorship was renewed because of the St George Club's continuing contribution to Australian soccer.

Mr Marr said Lemair was the biggest company of its type to be involved with St George in a major sponsorship.

Lotto Management Service is the other major St George sponsor. Last year, all awards to players in the World Youth Cup Series were drawn from the Lemair product range.

Lemair also supports the West Australian Football League with weekly incentive contests for spectators conducted in conjunction with Archie Martin stores.

Mr Marr said Lemair would continue its association with the Australian Soccer Federation and was working on a joint promotional campaign with national coach, Frank Ark.

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Monaro marches into the semis

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Crowd: 6,000 (approx).
Referee: Gary Power 5
Scorer: Giampolo 20th, 63rd.

INTER MONARO: Hoszowski 8 — Tulawa 7, Budini 8, A. Ambrosino 8, Walsh 7 — Todorovski 6, Wotherpoon 5, Carbone 5 — Giampolo 9, Winn 6, Trajanovski 5.

NEWCASTLE: Gosling 8 — Milesevic 5, Moir 5, Bannon 5, Jones 5 — Naumov 5, Senkalaki 6, Owens 5 — Todd 4, Riddell 4 (Mason), Ingham 5.

After 90 minutes of football the visitors from Newcastle failed to create a single opportunity in front of goal and bowed out of contention.

Sebastian Giampolo leads the goalscoring charts in the Ampol Cup after his goals scored Newcastle Rosebud at St George Stadium. His first came only 20 minutes.

He was in an ideal position to score after 17 minutes but was fouled by Clint Gosling after facing the Newcastle keeper. Three minutes later he made amends by scoring in controversial fashion.

The ball struck the wood-

work, ran along the goal line, hit the other post and bounced out. The linesman put his flag up, indicating that the ball had crossed the line and despite a vehement protest by Gosling the goal stood.

That advantage to Inter at half time was in no way a fair reflection of the way this match had progressed. Inter Monaro had played all over Newcastle and should have been well in front. Giampolo had scored one but missed two others.

Yet he was the man who almost single handedly destroyed the visitors.

Newcastle had one shot at goal during the opening 45 minutes, while Derek Todd managed to get in two headers during the second half.

Midway through the second half, Giampolo was on the edge of the box surrounded by Newcastle players. Somehow he found a way past his marker and took off into the box. He was brought down and from the ensuing penalty, he scored. He had to retake the penalty after two Inter players walked

into the box before the kick was taken.

It was a well deserved win. Inter Monaro coasted into its first Ampol Cup semi-final in classy fashion.



● Charlie Yankos

It was a case of hello Charlie, goodnight Birkalla as Adelaide Hellas booked a spot in the SA Ampol Cup semi-finals and tossed Birkalla out of the series.

Hellas coach Neil McGachey kept his prize recruit Charlie Yankos on the bench until the final 12 minutes, but it proved to be an auspicious debut.

Just two minutes after his introduction the much-feted Soccerroo burst from his sweeper position through the centre of the park to deliver a perfect pass for George Konstantopoulos to bang home Hellas's fourth goal.

Konstantopoulos, who was a substitute

ADELAIDE HELLAS 4 (Hristodoulou 11th, Mousoulis 52nd and 54th, Konstantopoulos 70th) BIRKALLA 0 — at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: 3200. Referee: Tom McRoe 8.

ADELAIDE HELLAS: Spruill 8, Hiern 7, Brown 8, Honeyman 8, Mousoulis 8, Scott 8, Manou 7 (Yankos 88th), McLaughlin 7, Hristodoulou 6, Price 6, Konstantopoulos 9. Coach: Neil McGachey.

BIRKALLA: Lonca 7, Duncan 8, Owens 8, Binning 6, Tobin 6, (Wickstein 41st), 7, Devlin 6 (Loth 41st), 6, Pietrus 6, (Pidgion 53rd), 7, Baines 6, Murdoch 6, Halliday 6, Hayes 7, Coach: Rab Jones.

BEOGRAD 1 (Rusmir 73rd) ELIZABETH CITY 0 at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: 3200. Cautions: K. Hughes (EC), Graeves (B). Referee: F. Cruppi 7.

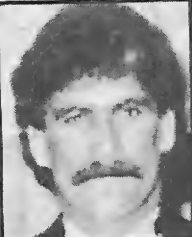
BEOGRAD: Pasquini 8, A. Brazzale 8, Krizman 7, Shillabeer 8, Hancar 8, Welsh 7, Rusmir 8, Preston 7, P. Miller 7, Arezina 7, Graeves 6 Douglas 7. Coach: Johnny Nyshokhus.

ELIZABETH CITY: Allen 8, Mottram 8, Begbie 7, Mollart 7, Butterworth 7, A. Knowles 7 (Irua 41st), 6, K. Hughes 6 (Binnie 63rd), Craig 7, J. Hughes 7, Evans 6, Doyle 6. Coach: Bobby Hogg.

SA CUP DETAILS

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Hello Charlie and goodnight Birkalla



● Garrie Dooley

Dooley to C'town

Former SA Rothmans Medal winner Garrie Dooley has left Adelaide Polonia to join Campbelltown City.

Dooley, who was a key midfielder during SA's triumphant tour of India last season, has had NSL experience with both West Adelaide Hellas and West Adelaide United.

He won the SA Rothmans Medal as an Elizabeth City player in 1980.

Another ex-Rothmans Medal winner, Jan Klerzo, is negotiating for his release from Adelaide Polonia to Azurri.

Meanwhile, striker Paul Blunt has been swapped with offers from SA clubs since turning his back on Sydney Croatia.

While Adelaide Croatia will lose Blunt, it has gained Adelaide City striker Peter Rankin and former Kiwi international Glenn Dods of Adelaide City.

NEWS IN BRIEF



● John Yzendoorn (front) with the Soccerroos in 1981, from left: Murray Barnes, Ken Boden, Eddie Krncevic, Jim Tansey, Mark Jankovics, Alan Davidson, Allan Maher, Billy Rogers (background), Peter Katholos.

East Fife to Saints

Stewart Porter, a 25-year-old, six-foot striker from Scottish First Division club East Fife, will be in St. George Budapest's line-up for the first round of the National Cup on March 23.

Porter was recommended to St. George coach Frank Arok by Scotland manager Alex Ferguson during the World Cup series late last year.

The draw for the first round of the Cup will be made in Melbourne next week.

Yzendoorn, Patterson

A National League disputes committee will today (Wednesday) hear appeals by John Yzendoorn (SM-Hellas) and Scott Patterson (Heidelberg) against their \$15,000 transfer fees.

Franken back home

Canberra Olympians goalkeeper Tony Franken is back home after a trial with KV Mechelen in Belgium.

He will aim at getting into the national squad for the Olympic Games qualifying series next year, and complete his studies at the College of Advanced Education in Canberra.

Newcastle recruits

Newcastle-Rosebud has welcomed its two English recruits, John Cavanagh and Paul Crabtree to Australia. Cavanagh is from Rochdale, Crabtree from Burnley.

Jankovics stays put

Mark Jankovics has signed a new contract with Marconi, after a half-hearted attempt to join Blacktown.

He may be joined at Marconi by Inter-Monaro's Tony Brennan, who is being considered as a possible replacement for Peter Sharne who has retired.

McCulloch's in Scotland

Soccerroo Tommy McCulloch of APIA is in Scotland to negotiate a transfer to Hibernian.

However, Sunderland also is interested in McCulloch. Sun-

derland manager Lawrie McMenemy was manager of Southampton when McCulloch trialled there two years ago. APIA has \$33,000 on McCulloch's head, if he joins an Australian club and \$22,000 if he goes overseas.

Dunn case for court

West Adelaide Hellas president Frank Karagiannis has threatened to go to court to win Soccerroo defender Robbie Dunn's release from Makedonia.

West Adelaide has offered to pay a transfer fee of \$15,000 but Makedonia wants more.

"These stupid contracts wouldn't stand up in court anyway so I say, let's be reasonable," Karagiannis said.

"Robbie has a copy of a contract which limits his transfer fee to \$6,000 and yet we have offered \$15,000."

BEOGRAD STUMBLES INTO FINALS

Beograd, glorious in defeat in its previous match against Adelaide City Juventus, bumbled and stumbled its way to a lucky win over Elizabeth City.

With four points from three games, Beograd will join Juventus as a Group A semi-

finalist unless Juventus fails in its final game against Salisbury United.

Beograd coach Johnny Nyshokhus was far from happy with his players after the Elizabeth debacle, charging them with complacency.

"Some of my players just strolled about, believing that victory was a foregone conclusion," Nyshokhus said.

Dusan Rasimir tipped the unhappy balance with a cracking goal seven minutes

before full-time — just when it appeared that neither side deserved to win.

Earlier the match reached comical depths as both teams bombed several unbelievably easy scoring chances.

The saga of "misses" peaked in the 63rd minute when Elizabeth City midfielder Jimmy Hughes failed to convert a penalty.

Even open goals were ignored during the procession of inaccuracies so that Rusmir's late goal carried a tinge of unreality.

Frank Liddell for Lions?



● Liddell

Brisbane Lions could turn to Scotland for a replacement for stopper Alan Hunter and the player they have in mind is not unfamiliar with the National League.

Lions have agreed on terms with former Brisbane city and Queensland stopper Frank Liddell, who has been playing this season with Scottish Second Division club St. Johnstone.

Liddell returned to Scotland nearly two years ago after three successful years with Brisbane City, during which he stamped himself as a tough, uncompromising defender.

The stopper had been on City's books ever since, until last month when he was given a free transfer. City had to wipe Liddell to make way for new visa players Phil White and Kieran Cooper.

Although Lions have trailed Andrew Stowell, who has been the most promising, Norm Bell and Rod Vasquez in Hunter's position, coach Gordon Arrowsmith is understood to be apprehensive about starting the new NSL season with an untested central defender.

Although Liddell is nearly 33, he is certain to be able to do the job for Lions, in the short term at least.

If Liddell is coming he is likely to accompany Lions' overseas signing, a striker who also plays at St.

Johnstone but whose name the Brisbane club is still keeping under wraps. But if both land in Australia, it will mean someone will have to go to Richlands. Lions have two visa players on their books, Scottish strikers Joe Cairney and Jim McDonagh. Cairney was the club's leading scorer two years ago, and a good friend of Liddell's. He also has the advantage in that McDonagh has been sidelined with shin soreness during the Silver Boot competition.

Spotter fees for soccer talent

Campbelltown City has entered the scouting movement — not the dib, dib, dub, dub variety, but the player-hunting type.

New Campbelltown City manager-coach David Jenkins will salute any aspiring talent spotter and reward him or her for the effort.

The innovative Jenkins has placed ads in the Adelaide dailies calling for player scouts to locate and identify players with the ability or potential to play in the SA Soccer Federation First Division.

Jenkins said yesterday the procedure would involve scouts registering with Campbelltown and being supplied with identifying passes.

The scout will be paid by the club once the player he recommends signs for Campbelltown City.

"The idea is to uncover previously untapped resources from Amateur League and junior ranks," said Jenkins.

Meanwhile, Jenkins is looking skywards for camp fire smoke signals.

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Caban makes it

Tony Caban has landed on his feet with St George Budapest.

Caban was at Newcastle KB United at the time of its collapse. He then went to Footscray JUST where he failed to establish himself as a regular.

So he returned and joined Bankstown, but Bankstown didn't include him on its retained players' list for 1988.

After all that, his attempt to break into the St George team appeared to be over-optimistic.

But he's made it. Coach Frank Arok likes the guy. "He's losing weight, he's working seriously, and he scored a goal for us in the Ampol Cup. He's quick and useful," Arok says.

Meanwhile, John McKie, recruited from Blacktown, has been in and out of the team, while youngsters Peter Peikovski and Mike Grbeviski, along with import Miklos Orszagh, have been Saints' stars.

Vic Botzando has started training late and is pushing for inclusion. Terry Greedy remains the No. 1 goalkeeper at St George, but he has quit the national team.

Arok expects a centre forward from a Scottish First Division club to arrive within a month, and intends to sign a top-class European player for five or six guest games in May/June.

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● Tony Caban (left) while with Footscray JUST, challenges Heidelberg's Steve Tasios.

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Practice matches have been held at the Preston Indoor Soccer Centre over the past two weeks in preparation for the 1986 season's kick off on February 28.

In the youth competition, Preston Makedonia will be trying for a third successive pennant. Led by U17 national squad member Velce Kondinski, the boys have a formidable combination; Kondinski also plays for the Preston National Indoor Soccer League and has handed many useful playing hints to his younger team mates.

Junior Cosmos, led by Jimmy Galanis and Marvan Toseski, appears to be the most likely to threaten the Makedonia supremacy. Last week Galanis led his team with perfection in its practice game against Makedonia and cut off Makedonia's usually abundant supply of opportunities with excellent closing down tactics. This tight play gave Toseski a free reign to break down the court and it wasn't long before Junior Cosmos had a 3-0 lead.

Velce Kondinski finally looked as though he was going to warm to his task but Galanis continued to deny

Preston League

opportunities while Toseski used his strong play to set up goals. The score moved to 5-0 before Makedonia finally broke through via Kondinski but by this time it was too late, the game was well and truly in Junior Cosmos' keeping.

Velce Kondinski scored again just before the final whistle making the result 5-2 in favour of the cosmos.

Preston Makedonia always is a sluggish practice

match performer and cannot be overlooked as a cup favourite, however the Junior cosmos' performance was significant and will launch them into the season full of confidence.

In the all-age division, Euronations appear to have the early running. None of the teams have made drastic changes to their personnel, however last season's champion player, Terry Frangalis, improved tremendously during the season and will give Euronations added strength.

Preston Makedonia field a senior team for the first time in a bid to "blood" some of the older youth players. This clever plan may bear fruit earlier than expected!

Also, keep an eye on Split and Goodonya. Split has improved steadily throughout the past two seasons and although an unsuccessful semi-finalist last season, could have what it takes to go that extra step further this season.

Goodonya is an unknown quantity at this stage however good form was shown in its first match and it usually takes about three weeks to adapt to the ball so great improvement is anticipated.

1986 should be an exciting year for the Preston League.

Thomastown League

Carcioffi Rangers 5 Furious Five 5

Scorers: Gattino 2, A. Tochetto, S. Sella, S. Dal Castella (CR); M. Eideh, 2, Bagdash 2, L. Stilidis (F).
CARCIOFFI RANGERS: A. Tochetto 7, S. Sella 9, d. Cesarin 7, S. Dal Castella 7, M. Gattino 8.
FURIOUS FIVE: H. Eideh 9, M. Eideh 8, L. Stilidis 7, M. Gusel 7, K. Bagdash 7.

The game began with the Furious Five hot on the search of goals.

After two shots by Muzi Eideh, Carcioffi Rangers replied almost immediately with a sizzling shot by Mario Gattino off Silvio Sella. Play then went from one end to the other with neither side able to gain ascendancy in the first five minutes. After six minutes, Rangers broke through the defence with Gattino scoring from just in his attacking half. Almost immediately, Muzi Eideh hit the post with a free kick that had the Rangers keeper beaten.

In the ninth minute, Steve Dal Castella intercepted a pass and headed for goal. The Furious Five keeper came out but Dal Castella calmly slotted the ball past him to make the score 2-0.

One minute later, Les Stilidis shot through a crowd of players.

A fine shot by Gattino was kept out by an equally fine save by keeper Hussan Eideh. Karl Bagdash equalised for the Furious Five in the 16th minute with a shot from the edge of the penalty area that gave keeper Daniel Cesarin no chance. Half time found the sides locked at 2-2.

Not long after the start of the second half, the Furious Five were given a free kick in the Rangers half of the field. Muzi Eideh took the kick and almost scored, but his shot went just past the post.

Sella intercepted a bad pass from Eideh and planted his shot passed the helpless keeper.

Soon after, Sella found himself with a clear run at goal only to see his shot saved by H. Eideh.

Much to the surprise of the Rangers players, the Furious Five quickly took the ball upfield and scored through Bagdash to bring the sides back to level pegging at 3-3.

Adrian Tochetto for Rangers burst onto the scene with a shot which had the Furious Five keeper beaten from the moment the ball left his foot.

Following three shots by Sella which were either saved or went over the bar, Gattino found a gap and scored his second. The Furious Five then found their second wind and scored two goals within the space of a minute. Play then became extremely hectic with shots being struck from all over the ground.

The final scoreline of 5-5 was a fair result. Both teams played extremely well and every player gave 100 percent.

PLAYER PROFILE: Michael Giacomi



● Michael Giacomi, (pictured) has played outdoor soccer for 12 years for a number of well known clubs including Juventus, Essendon City, Hellas, Coburg and Fawkner.

He is a tall, blonde, blue-eyed Italian who has had a very successful career representing Victoria in U 14, U 15, U 16.

He also represented Victoria in the recently held Australian indoor championships and Italy in the mini World Cup.

His many personal honors include winning U 16 champions medals and top goal scorer and best and fairest winner at his club, Essendon City.

Of coaches, Michael says that perhaps the one coach he admires the most is Cedo Cirkovic, who gave him his first break in State

League, helping him to refine his skills and become a better player as well as a better person.

"He persisted with me and had faith in my potential, although at one stage at Fawkner he thought I was coming down with the big head syndrome so he dropped me to the reserves for two months, after which I returned to the firsts in a different frame of mind," said Giacomi.

With such a brilliant career be-

hind him, why did Giacomi turn to indoor soccer?

"I think it improves close ball skills and reflexes and I recommend it to all outdoor players. In my short career in indoor soccer my representation with the Victorian team has been a great achievement, although playing for Australia would be the ultimate goal."

Giacomi, according to his peers, has a great future in indoor soccer.



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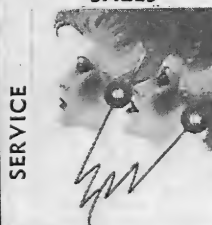
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Niven — Hunter will be a Roo

In recounting his career, Brisbane Lions and former Soccerroo full back Alan Niven still wonders if things would have been different if he had accepted an offer from South Melbourne Hellas.

The approach came in 1982. Niven just had toured Fiji and South-East Asia with the Soccerroos and undoubtedly was playing some of the best football of his career.

"I turned down the offer because it didn't include a job. I was just starting to settle then and my wife and I were looking to a family, so it seemed a bit of a risk," Niven said.

"Football-wise I guess it was the wrong decision. I lost my Soccerroo place which I think I would have kept had I been playing with South Melbourne."

With that in mind, Niven has no doubts that his former fellow defender, Alan Hunter, was made the right decision in leaving Lions for Heidelberg.

"He will be in the Australian side within two years, up here he quite probably would never have made it," Niven said.

Now the father of two, Niven firmly is settled in Brisbane and says he expects to finish his playing career in the Sunshine state, although now 30, he doesn't foresee the end coming soon.

"I am as fit and keen now as I was at 18. I think I have got another three or four more years at NSL level."

Niven, whose left foot is one of the sweetest in the business, came to Lions after being an apprentice at Wolverhampton and playing in South Africa.

He arrived the season before the start of the National competition, which makes him

By RICKY ROSSO

one of a select band of players with 10 years NSL service, and one of an even more exclusive group who have spent all that time with the one club.

He has seen a procession of coaches through Richlands including Les Schemmug, Brian Daken, Gyula Vincze, Eddie Spearrit, Matt Carson, Joe Gilroy, Simon Kistemaker, Harry Noon and present incumbent Gordon Arrowsmith.

And Niven has no doubts as to who was the best — Schemmug, the man who gave Niven a Soccerroo sash.

"He had played at the highest level and knew what Australian soccer was about. He was a players' coach," Niven said.

In his 10 years in the NSL, Niven has seen some great players and some real imposters. He rates his team-mates in the inaugural year of the Phillip League, Geoff Morris and John Neal, as among the best he has played with.

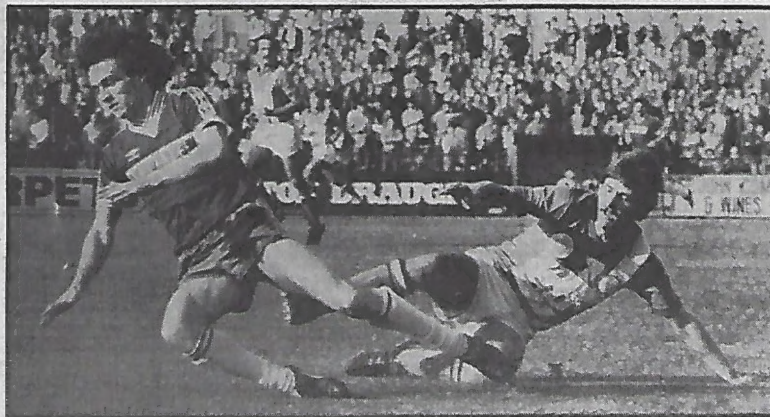
"Geoff was an out and out left winger who just seemed to complement my style. My passes just always seemed to hit him," Niven said.

Soccerroo Joe Watson ranks among the best Niven has played against.

"He was difficult to mark, always on the move, always doing something unexpected."

When Niven finally decides to give the NSL away, if it doesn't give Brisbane Lions away first, he already has feathered his future football nest by completing his level three coaching certificate.

While many clubs would jump at the chance to have Niven as their coach, to lose him with so much football yet to offer would be a cruel waste of talent.



Alan Niven (right) of Brisbane Lions and Soccerroo fame, doesn't let Charlie Egan of South Melbourne Hellas get too far away.

ROBERT MARKOVAC EATS 'EM ALIVE!



By CRAIG MACKENZIE

11 players but I intend to make sure that he keeps having those headaches because I'm going to work as hard as I can to stay in the team."

Bleiberg has a lot of faith in 18-year-old Markovac. After failing to score in the seniors last season, Markovac's confidence was well down. Bleiberg took him aside and told him that he could mould him into a fine striker.

"That was pretty important to me. It restored my self-confidence and Miron has been giving me a lot of extra shooting practice at training. But I'm not the only player that's benefited from Miron taking over as coach. He's made a big impact at the club."

Another man who made a big impact on Markovac no longer is with Croatia. Instead, he's wearing the green and white Green Gully strip.

"Tommy Cumming was the guy who really gave me the chance to prove myself in the first team at Croatia. He was great for the short time that he was coach. He showed a lot of faith in me and encouraged me a lot. He also used to kick me in the backside whenever my head dropped and I needed that at the time."

Markovac's powerful running and acceleration are two of his main weapons. He describes his control as "fairly good" but wants to become more aggressive.

"Most of the centre halves want to kick lumps out of you but I guess that's the way soccer is all over the world. When players get physical it detracts from the spectacle because it discourages skill. The crowd doesn't like it."

"I don't give it back enough. I always go in hard for the ball but I don't go in to hurt anyone. I'm no fairy but I'm not a very aggressive player by nature. Yet if you're going to hold your own in the National League you can't let defenders boot you all over the park."

When it comes to seeking advice, Markovac has more than coach Bleiberg to turn to. Markovac's uncle Joe Vojvoda, his father Marko, Tony Dunkerley and Tim White all are ready to help in his development as a player.

"Uncle Joe gave me a lot of encouragement as a junior, my dad's been driving me to training and to games and I still phone Tony Dunkerley and Tim White to ask for their advice when things aren't going well for me."

Markovac's immediate assignment is to play a part in Croatia's quest for the 1986 Buffalo Gold Cup. If that's achieved, he'll be expected to add weight to the club's championship challenge.

Markovac turns 19 in June. He's tasted national team glory, playing for the youths in their successful qualifying series for last year's World Youth Championships in the USSR. However, his brief flirtation with the young Soccerroos hasn't made him over-confident about developing into a senior Soccerroo.

"The only reason that I played in the youth team was that Warren Spink was suspended from the qualifying series. I knew all along that once Warren was available, Jim Shoulder (the coach) would pick him ahead of me, so it didn't come as a shock when I didn't go to Russia. I wasn't playing well at the time anyway."

"But my dream still is to play for the full national team. I was born in Australia and it would be the greatest honor of my career to play for my country."

No more 'Melbas' for Frank Sbisá

Frank Sbisá is enjoying what he jokingly refers to as his third retirement from soccer.

The former referee, APIA club administrator, organiser, secretary and just generally useful clubman, has dropped out of the soccer scene yet again.

After what he said were three terms with the club, he's now concentrating on his furniture business, racing horses, running ownership syndicates and generally "just enjoying life and making money."

"I started with the club in '64, then got another call for help in '74 from Jim (Bayutti), then again in '84," Sbisá said.

"Each time I enjoyed myself and felt I did a good job, but there comes a time when you have to let go."

He accepts with good humor any doubts that "this time I really mean it when I say I'm retiring."

"Yes, I suppose I've done a Melba a few times," he said. But he felt things were on course now after some astute guidance.

"We achieved a great deal in 1984. The team managed to re-establish itself as a force in Australian soccer. We finished equal third in the Northern Division and I think we won back a little of the prestige that had been slipping away."

He said an article in a leading Sydney metropolitan newspaper a few years ago had tweaked a few nerves when it claimed APIA was a giant in demise.

"It was painful to read but we all knew it was true," Sbisá said. "But there was a determination to prevent the death."

Sbisá was called upon to become club secretary for the 1984 season, and it proved a bold move by club president Nick Papallo.

It also coincided with a planned split of the operations of the soccer club and the massive APIA soccer club, itself undergoing a traumatic loss of membership and revenue.

"That split just allowed us both to get our acts together — we had time to reorganise."

As a result, by the time he relinquished the secretary's position at the start of last year, the soccer club's position was a healthy one.

He then took a position on the club's board. "I just wanted to ease myself out."

Sbisá has no doubts that Rale Rasic is the man to carry on rejuvenating APIA.

"They don't really need someone like me there now that they're not Rale."

"And I doubt if I'd have the energy if they called on me in 1994," he joked.

"No, my time is really over. Now I can just be an observer and what I believe I'll observe is a plant emerging on the soccer scene."

— MIKE RENWICK

Was Yomiuri happy to see Rudi go?

Former Soccerroo coach Rudi Gutendorf's short stint in Japan was not as successful as European reports would have us believe.

Indeed, sources close to the Yomiuri club doubt if any pressure was placed upon Gutendorf to extend his two-year contract which expired in January.

When the globetrotting German returned to his native country, last season's "double" winner had won only four of 13 Japan Soccer League games and suffered early elimination from the Emperor's Cup on the hands of lowly Mazda Motors.

With five leading players away for long periods on World Cup duty, Yomiuri's lack of reserve strength became obvious and an ever widening rift between Gutendorf and the club's star Brazilian imports severely eroded team spirit.

"Riegi Rudi" left Tokyo still denying German newsagency reports that he was to link up with Hertha Berlin, but duly signed for Hertha within hours of stepping upon German soil.

— PAUL MOON

What is it about these young guys at Melbourne Croatia? Every time I see them they're either bleary-eyed after a session at the Chevron Hotel or devouring dim sims or hot dogs as if the fast-food industry is in its death throes.

Mirko Runje is convinced that bad players don't go to the Chevron.

Robert Markovac (pictured) goes to the Chevron.

Runje's huge grin appeared at the dressing room window before Croatia's friendly game against Macedonia two weeks ago. Runje was showing no mercy for the plight of the hot dog clasped firmly in his grasp, inbetween giant gulps from a trembling can of soft drink.

Markovac was sealing the fate of four dim sims when we spoke last week.

Runje, Markovac and their mates have been devouring opponents on the soccer field with just as much gusto.

Markovac is on the threshold of establishing himself in Croatia's first team. He feels it, but strikes a cautious note when pressed about his fate in 1986.

"We've got the biggest squad in the National League. I'm playing well now but if I go bad then I'll be out. Everyone is forced to work really hard for their spots because of the size of the squad, which is the best we've had since I've been at the club. Competition for places will get worse for me when Ante Jlic and Davor Todoric arrive."

"In some ways I guess Miron (Bleiberg, Croatia's coach) has a few headaches because the squad is so big and he can only pick

PLATINI V. SCHUSTER

The Barcelona V. Juventus pairing standing out as the highlight of the three European club competitions' quarter finals draw,

made recently in Zurich.

Juventus, Champions' Cup holder and newly crowned World Club Champion, can anticipate a tough test from a side eager to knock it from its pedestal.

Barcelona broke a string of records when galloping away

with the Spanish League title last season in scintillating style and, after a short period in the doldrums, now is reproducing that form.

The midfield battle between Bernd Schuster, who has chosen to keep a brilliant light hidden from most of the world under a self imposed exile from the international stage,

and Michel Platini adds lustre to this prospectively enthralling tie.

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Champions' Cup

Barcelona (Spain) v. Juventus (Italy, holder), Bayern Munich (West Germany) v. Anderlecht (Belgium), Aberdeen (Scotland) v. IFK Gothenburg (Sweden), Steau Bucharest (Romania) v. Kuusysi Lahti (Finland).

Cup Winners' Cup

Red Star Belgrade (Yugoslavia) v. Athletic Madrid (Spain), Rapid Vienna (Austria) v. Dinamo Kiev (USSR), Bayer Uerdingen (West Germany) v. Dynamo Dresden (East Germany), Dukla Prague (Czechoslovakia) v. Benfica (Portugal).

UEFA Cup

Real Madrid (Spain, holder) v. Neuchatel Xamax (Switzerland), Cologne (West Germany) v. Sporting Lisbon (Portugal), Hajduk Split (Yugoslavia) v. Warangem (Belgium), Internazionale Milan (Italy) v. Nantes (France).

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ΘΕΜΑΤΑ ΣΥΝΕΔΡΙΑΣΕΩΣ

1. Εκλογή προέδρου καί γραμματέα.
2. Ονομασία τών σωματός.
3. Αριθμός αντιπροσώπων κάθε σωματείου.
4. Μεταγραφές παικτών μεταξύ τών 10 έλλη-
νοκινών σωματείων, μελών τών σωματός.
5. Συμπάρεση και έλληλοροφήση μεταξύ

έλληνοκινών σωματείων και σύσκεψη σχέ-
σεων.

6. Υποστήριξη μεταξύ σωματείων σε όεματα
Βικτοριανής Ομοσπονδίας Πόσοφαίρου.
7. SIGN ON FEES παικτών.
8. Παρατηρήσεις - αντιπρόσωπος τών Έλληνο-
κινών Κυπέλλου χωρίς δικαίωμα φήρου.
9. Απλότυπο συμπάρεση τών σωματός στο
Έλληνοκινό Κύπελλο.
10. Γενικά όεματα.

Στην έπόμενη συνεδρίαση παρακαλούνται
όλα τα σωματεία να στείλουν δύο αντιπρο-
σώπους.

Προσωρινός Συντονιστής
Γιάννης Πόργος

ΠΡΟΧΩΡΗΣΕ Η ΚΑΛΙΦΤΟΝ

Νέα μεγάλη νίκη πέτυχε η Καλιφτόν για το
Ντόκερτυ Καπ καί απέκλεισε το Σττ Μπράν-
σούκι 3-0 με γκολ τών Ουγκρίνη, Κούτσι-
νου καί Α. Γκατζώνη.

Με την νίκη την έπαιξαν οι Ιακκιμίδες,
Φεργαδιδίτες, Κων/νου, Κοντέσι, Αποστολόπου-
λος, Α. Γκατζώνης (φουδοκινόνου) Β. Γκατζώ-
νης (Λακιάτης) Πετρόκος, Κούτσικος, Ουγκρίνη
και Ν. Τσιόκας.

ΑΠΟΚΑΙΣΤΗΚΕ ΤΟ ΚΑΙΦΤΟΝ

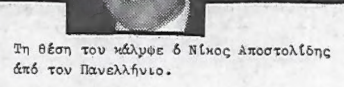
Το Καίφτον Χίλ αν και προηγήθηκε στον ά-
γώνα του με το Ντονκάστερ, τελικά έχασε
με 3-1 ένώ θα μπορούσε να είχε κρατήσει
την πολύτιμη νίκη καί την πρόκριση για
τον έπόμενο γύρο.

Στό 10' ο Τυρίκος με πέναλτυ έβαλε μπρο-
στά το Καίφτον αλλά το Ντονκάστερ στο 60
πήρε την ίσοφάρση με γκολ άδρο. Οι γη-
πεδοσχοί έχασαν δύο παίκτες στη συνέχει
α (τραυματίσθηκαν) τούς Καρδίαση - Λορέ-
τζι. Το Ντονκάστερ που καίριε στην Α' κα-
τηγορία στο 80' πήρε το προβάδισμα 2-1
καί στο 87' σιγοόρεψε τη νίκη του.

Η όμάδα τών Καίφτον παρουσιάστηκε άδύνα-
τη στην έπίθεση καί στο κέντρο όπου πά-
λαιψε φιλότιμα ο Νίκος Πατσάκος.
Βλαχάκης, Λορέτζι καί Γκαλλής άνήκουν
στούς διακιρήστες.

ΟΔΕΑ ΓΙΑΡΡΑΒΙΑ

Η όδεα Γιαρραβίλ παρέχώρησε τόν ταλαντώ
χο γκολκίπερ Κόστα Γκαίτα στην όμάδα τών
νέων της Ελλάς.



Τη θέση του κάλυψε ο Νίκος Αποστολίδης
από τόν Πανελλήνιο.

ΗΕΤ ΑΛΤΟΝΑ

Η 'Εστ Αλτόνα ζητάει προπονητές και οι
ένδοξαφερόμενοι να τηλεφωνήσουν στον κ. Ερ
Ανδρεάδη στο 338 5478.

ΓΚΑΠΤΕΝ ΣΙΤΥ

Καλούνται όλοι οι παίκτες τού Γκάπτεν
Σίτυ την Κυριακή 2 Μαρτίου στο γήπεδο
του Πόρτ Μέλμπορν καί ώρα 11.00 π.μ.
θα διοργανωθεί μαπάρτεκι από τόν σύλλο-
γο καί θα τακτοποιηθούν οι όποχρεώσεις
των παικτών.

Όσοι δεν δώσουν το παρόν θα διαγραφούν
από την όμάδα.

ΒΙΚΤΟΡΙΩΝ ΑΗΓΚ ΚΑΠ

Το Σάββατο θα γίνει ο πρώτος γύρος του
Βικτόριαν Αήγκ Καπ.
Οι έλληνοκινές ομάδες έχουν τούς έξης άγ-
νες: ΣΠΡΙΚΒ ΑΙΗΑ - ΟΔΕΑ ΓΙΑΡΡΑΒΙΑ
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ΠΡΟΒΙΣΙΟΝΑΛ ΑΗΓΚ ΚΑΠ

Τό Σάββατο άρχίζει καί η πρώτη φάση τού
Κυπέλλου του Προβίσιοναλ.
Από έλληνοκινές πλευρές θα γίνουν οι έξης
άγνες: ΤΖΗΛΟΓΚ - ΑΣΚΟΤΒΕΝΑ
ΑΡΝΤΙΕΡ - ΜΑΛΒΕΡΝ
ΓΟΥΛΙΑΙΑΜΣΠΑΟΝ - ΑΝΤΑΙΟΡΑΕ
Σ. ΣΠΡΙΚΒΕΝΙΑ - ΓΚΑΝΠΟΥ
ΚΑΙΦΤΟΝ - ΑΛΕΞΑΝΑΡΟΙ Ι-Ι

Μία όμάδα τού Μέγα με νέους παίκτες αντι-
μετώπισε το Καίφτον Χίλ που καί αυτό χρη-
σιμοποίησε άρμετός νέους πόσοφαριστές
για να πάρει τελικά ίσοπαλία 1-1.
Τα γκολ πέτυχαν οι Θεοφάνους για τόν Μέ-
γα καί Παπαγεωργίου για το Καίφτον.
Πολύ καλός ήταν ο διαιτητής κ. Γ. Γιαννιός
πού βοήθησε για την καλή διεξαγωγή τ' ό
άγνας.

Τό Καίφτον Χίλ εύχαριστεί τόν Αλέξανδρο
για την φιλική συνάντηση.

YUGOSLOVENSKA SCEN

POLUFINALE BEZ MAKEDONIJE

Od četiri favorita za polufinale Nocoog
Buffalo Kupa u Melbourneu nije se kvalifi-
kovalo jedino Makedonija. Pobjeklna je u
zadnjem kolu grupnog takmicenja, jer je
bila suvisle sigurna u sebi. Pored toga
nije nastupila u najboljem sastavu. Ne-
dostajalo je pet standardnih igrača, ne-
racunajući Robbie Dunnua, koji je još uvijek
na spisku igrača, ali se vjerovatno kroz
koji dan dobiti ispislence za West
Adelaide.

Za uvrt Makejonijs je izvela dva nova
igraca, od kojih Ronald Campbell iz Perth
najviše obećava, dok je Mile Necovnik
igrao svega 20 minuta (posto je isto jutro
stigao iz Jugoslavije), sto je nedovoljno za
procenu njegove vrednosti.

JUST se iskupio sa pobjedom nad Croy-
don Cityem, koja nije bila ni malo uvo-
djava. Ceo tim igraje uvek suvisle naivno,
specijalno odbrana, koja ponavlja iste
greške vec godinama. Zbog nepotrebnog
vrtanjenja loze "plavi" umalo nisu izgubili
 utakmicu protiv Croydon Citya. Sekularac
zaista ima mnogo sto sta da uradi pre nego
"plavi" masina prohoda, da ne spomin-
jemo razne brzine bez kojih se ne moze
popeti u porijni deo tabele.

Za mnoge je Vlado Stolica "carbuna for-
mula" za resenje akutne krize kakla mnogi
kaza da "jedna lasta ne cini prolce". Var-
aju se, kad je u pitanju fudbal. Jedan mladi
i talentovan igrac Vladoog kova moze laklo
da inspirise cele okolinu kao sto je pokazao
prosie nedelje na "Memorialu viktoru
Kostromina", koji je sa uspehom organi-
zovao na svamo igralistu Richmond/Bosna.
Treba davati galiste i krize je resena. Dok
je Vlado igrao za mladi tim golovi su padali
kao od sale, kada nije igrao ti isti mladi
su bili ukoceni kao mumije.

Naviglat JUSTA imace priliku da vidi
Vlada Stolica u cetvrtak 27. februara kada
"plavi" igraju trening utakmicu sa Alton-
om/Vojvodinom na svom igralistu u Foot-
scrayu. Pocetak u 6 uvece.

Polufinalne utakmice Nocoog Kupa
igraju se u subotu 1. marta na Olympic
Parku. Prvu utakmicu igraju Melbourne
Croatica u George Cross u 15 pm, a drugu
Heidelberg Alexander v. Juventus.

Golman Milutin Cric je otkrovenje Nocoog
kupa. Njega su mnogi nasi klubovi otpi-
sali pre vremena. Steta, ali je zasao u
godine, Milutin Cric ce odigrati jos niz do-
brih utakmica.

DOCKERTY KUP

Essendon City-Altona Gate/VARDAR
24 (1:2). Iz Essendon Citya krize se nek-
danasji prvoglas Trietsina, koju trenira
veteran vijrtkijorskog fudbala Billy Vol-
tek. Ne samo sto trenira, vec u nuzdi igra
i daje golove. Tako je bilo i na onoj
utakmici.

Uoci ove utakmice neocekivano je dobio
otkaz trener Altona Gate Mile Micevski.
Jos se ne zna pravi razlog, jer Micevski nije
bio slab trener, a kao igrac jos uvek uziva
dobar ugled.

U meduvremenu altona Gate je sa uspe-
hom preskocila i drugu prepreku u dock-
erty Kupu. Pobjeda nad "Tristinom" je
ostavrena posle ubedljivo bolje igre u oba
poluvremena. Utakmica se igrala u Faw-
neru, jer igraliste Tristine u Essendonu
nije bilo slobodno.

altona Gate je pored cetiri postignute
gola imala jos teliko zrelih prilika, dok je
Essendon City oba gola postigao iz jefitno
dosudjenih jedanaesteraca.

Strelci za Altona Gate: Tim Bikicki 3 i
Dragi Mitrevski 1.

Najbolji igraci: Goran Georgijevski, Tim
Bikicki i Gustavo Figueroa.

Uoci ove utakmice Altona Gate je pro-
log cetvrtka uvece u prijateljskom susretu
pobedila Labor/Slugu sa 5:0. Igralo se tri
puta 30 minuta, a golove su postigli: Tim
Bikicki 2, Goran Georgijevski, Gustavo Fi-
gueroa i Sebastian Magnano.

SPRINGVALE UTD. (Bratstvo/Je-
dinstvo) - KARINGAL 5:2 (3:1) pred 250
gledalaca na imanju Jugoslovenskog rad-
nickog centra u Keysboroughu.

Pocetak igre pripada Karingalu, koji je
poveo vec u 3. minutu, ali "plavi" sue
brzo sredili i do kraja drzali konce u svojim
rukama.

Izjednacilo je u 16. minutu aleksandar
Veleviski posle lepe akcije celog navalnog
reda.

Uz pomoc "plave" su povel sa 2:1 u 25.
minutu preko Dade Jelicia.

Dragoslava Jelicia, koji je ovog puta bio
siguran strelac - 3:1 za "plave".

Psole odmora igralo se sa usporenim
tempom sve do 66. minuta, kada je goran
Veljovic pobeoao svojim praticima i po-
visio na 4:1.

U 73. minutu Milenko Culbrik je iskoris-
tio neporazum izmedju golmana i cen-
terhalfa Karingala, ukrao im loptu i smestio
je u mrezu - 5:1 za Springvale United.

Dva minuta pre kraja Karingal je je is-
korisio neozbolju igru Stevana Janjick i
Ilije Kerezovica da smanji rezultat na 5:2.

"Plavi" iz Springvale su se bez velikog
napora plasirali u trece kolo Dockerty
Kupa.

Sastav Springvale Utd: Zoran Mandic,
Djuro Sivcev (Zoran Djukic od 71. minuta),
Mica Janjovic, Ilija Kerezovic, Stevan Jan-
jick, Zand Tetic, Goran Veljovic, Dragan
Jenic, Dragoslav Jelicia (George Kalin od
84. minuta), Milenko Culbrik, aleksandar
Veleviski.

Najbolji igraci: Aleksandar Veleviski,
Goran Veljovic i Stevan Janjic.

U subotu 1. marta Springvale United se
susrece sa Yarravillom u prvom kolu Vic-
toria Kupa, opef na svom igralistu u
Keysboroughu.

Juniori Springvale United ispod 12 go-
dina sastaju se sa Makedonijom u finalu
Buffalo juniorskog Kupa na Olympic
Parku u subotu 8. marta u 6.30 uvece. Ju-
niorski treninzi Springvale Uniteda odrza-
vu se sredom i petkom od 6.30 uvece na
imanju Jugoslovenskog radnickog centra.
Dobrodošli su svi decaci od 11 do 16 godina.

Prosllog cetvrtka SPRINGVALE UTD. je
postigao jos jednu pobedu na imanju
Springvale Citya. Pobedo je u drugom
kolu WESTALL INTER sa 3:2 (0:0). Strelci:
Aleksandar Veleviski u 44. i 63. i Dragan
Janjic u 39. minutu iz jedanaesterca za
Springvale Utd. Roberto Ruffalo u 49. i 68.
minutu za Inter.

"Plavi" su dobili ovaj susret iako su prvo
poluvremeno igrali bez bruce Dragana i
Steve Janjica, koje je trener Steve Jelicia
ostavio na klupi za rezervne igraice iz dus-
cipinskih razloga.

U predigri su "A" i "B" tim Springvale
Citya igrali nerenseno 1:1 (1:0).

Summer Cup starts, Cahut to Brisbane

● The inaugural Cas-
cade Summer Cup com-
petition kicks off in
southern Tasmania on
Sunday. The new competi-
tion replaces the
Michael The Tailor
Summer Cup which
finally folded after 10
years.

The Cascade Summer Cup,
sponsored to the tune of al-
most \$5000 by The Cascade
Brewery Co. Ltd, will be
played in two sections, one
for Cadbury State League
clubs, the other for Roth-
mans League clubs.

Each section is made up of
two groups and the first and
second placed teams in each
group move into the semi-fi-
nals of their section.

The groupings are: Cad-
bury League - Group A: Ju-
ventus, White Eagles, Rapid
and Olympia; Group B: Met-
ro-Clearmont, Howrah, Cro-
atia-Glenorchy and Caledonians.
Rothmans League - Group C: P.O.
Saints, University, South Hor-
vat, Kingborough; Group D:
Tarana, Hobart City, PCL
United and Caledonians.

The finals will be played at
South Hobart on Monday,
March 31.

● Rapid's pre-season
form is worrying coach
Otto Klaus.

Rapid lost its opening
friendly 5-2 to Juventus and
then succumbed 4-2 to newly
promoted Howrah.

● White Eagles start-
ed its pre-season friend-
lies with a 2-1 victory
over reigning champion
Juventus-Pioneer.

Juventus still hasn't found
a replacement for State goal-
keeper Steve Craven, who
has moved to Townsville, but
the club is believed to be ne-
gotiating with a Malaysian
goalkeeper who is keen to
join his family in Tasmania.
Juventus's John Broad-
head, the club's last sea-
son's leading marksman last sea-

Tasmanian Scene
with WALTER PLESS

son, has returned to England.
No one seems to be too cer-
tain about whether he will be
returning.

● Croatia-Glen-
orchy's young midfield-
er Ibro Cahut is leaving
this week to join NSL
club Brisbane City.

Coach Jim Hermiston has
included the youngster in
this plans for the coming
campaign, and Cahut will
team up with another Tas-
manian at City, Luciano
Fabrizio.

Cahut had a brief spell
with Canberra Arrows a cou-
ple of seasons ago before re-
turning to Tasmania.

● Alistair Hales, 33,
coach of newly-promot-
ed Cadbury State
League side Howrah, is
no stranger to the top
league in southern
Tasmania.

He was player-coach of
Caledonians in 1976 and 1977
and won the Rothmans Gold
Medal in 1976.

He also played in midfield
for Phoenix when that club
was relegated from the Cad-
bury league in 1984.

Hales is looking forward,
therefore, to his return to top
company, both as a player
and as a coach, and is confi-
dent his team can survive.

The club has recruited sev-
eral new players including
PCL United's Duncan Swift
and Kingborough's Kenay
Berry.

But Hales is still looking
for an experienced player to
settle the side and provide
the youngsters with some
guidance at the back.

Howrah's opening pre-sea-
son friendly resulted in a 4-2
win over Rapid, an estab-
lished side in the Cadbury
State League.

One player who stood out
in the victory was 19-year-old
striker, Karl Brightman.

He seems to have every-
thing - vision, physique, fit-
ness, excellent ball-control,
and a stinging, accurate shot.
My tip is that this young-
ster will be a revelation in
the league.

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